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Vale farm could be bulldozed for business park

A VALE family who have farmed on land between Barry and Rhose for three generations say they could be forced to leave to make way for a major business park.

Gethin Jenkins (64) a tenant farmer at Model Farm, had hoped his son Rhys, aged 32, would succeed him, but believes that dream could be dashed by the end of this year.

The land is owned by Legal & General which claims the business park would create 2,000 jobs by delivering over 1.7 million square feet of warehousing and distribution floor-space for Cardiff Airport.

Mr Jenkins, who only found out about the plans as recently as May 31 when a representative of Legal and General visited the farm, said: "I am the third generation of the Jenkins family to rent and farm this land. My grandfather first took it over in 1935 and I had hoped that my son, who also works with me, would be able to continue the family line."

"That doesn't seem to be likely now. The development will spell the end of farming at the Model."

The land targeted for development is 111 acres and sits within the St Athan-Cardiff Airport Enterprise zone.

Mr Jenkins explained: "It was a shock that such a big area was to be

developed in one go. Being realistic, I realised there would be something close to the airport, but maybe in one or two fields."

He said there was another suitable site nearby: "Just across the road from the farm there is a large block of council-owned land, more than 60 acres, that has degenerated for 30-plus years. This land is also in the 'magical enterprise zone' yet no one has come forward to express any desire to develop it."

When the Legal & General representative visited him at the farm recently, the signs were not good.

"He said he couldn't see why the council would not give permission and the company was hoping for a response by October."

When I asked 'What about us?' he said: 'We would have to serve notice to quit'.

"It is a case of good agricultural land being taken away. Once agricultural land is bulldozed, it is lost forever. I wonder whether there really will be 2,000 jobs."

When an exhibition of the plans was held at Rhose Social Club on Friday, June 7, local people were shocked at what could happen to the farm and expressed sympathy for the Jenkins family.

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Barry Friends of Tenovus celebrate after a successful year of fundraising



Caryl Jenkins (second from left) receives a cheque from the Barry Friends of Tenovus Fundraising Committee.

THE Barry Friends of Tenovus fundraising committee held their regular monthly meeting at the beginning of June and welcomed Caryl Jenkins, regional fundraising manager for Cardiff and the Vale, after a very successful year of fundraising in Barry.

The committee handed over a cheque for £3,800, raised by events including two quizzes, two fashion shows, a luncheon and various donations made to Tenovus by supporters in Barry.

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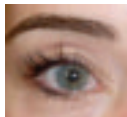


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Weycock Cross roadworks 'intolerable'

OVER the last six weeks, the journey from Rhose to Barry has become intolerable during peak times.

The lack of urgency and communication from Welsh Water and the Vale Council has been staggering.

Clearly, very little thought has been given about the inconvenience this is causing people. I fully understand that

works may need to be undertaken, but would it have been that difficult to be more transparent about how long this is taking.

What makes this lack of respect for residents even more galling is the fact that work on this project only seems to occur between 10am and 3pm.

Andrew Garvey, Rhose.

A response from the Vale Council to this issue can be found on page 10.

Pavement parking around school risks lives

WHAT is a pavement?

According to legislation, a pavement is "a raised, paved or asphalt path for pedestrians at the side of a road".

What is the purpose of a dropped kerb?

"A dropped kerb may not be used as a parking area and no part of it is exempted for the purposes of pavement parking".

What are The Highway Code rules for parking on pavements?

"You should not park on pavements unless

signs permit it".

This is a problem every single day, without fail, around Maes-yr-Ysgol and College Road in Barry and cars obstruct wheelchair users, people on mobility scooters and parents with pushchairs, among others.

In these days of poor air quality, pollution, global warming, child obesity and general safety all around, being selfish, ignorant and plain lazy is no excuse.

Name and address supplied.

'Do your bit, dog owners'

IAM a dog owner and take my dog regularly over to Parade Gardens, Barry, most days for exercise.

I am annoyed by how much dog mess is on the verges of the footpath in the park.

These dog walkers cannot be concerned for the environment and health of other dogs and their walkers.

They are more interested in letting their dogs off the lead, walking on in front and chatting, or

on their phones instead of watching their dogs doing their business.

Do your bit and pick this mess up; get your bags from the library or Civic Offices and be responsible for your dog.

I can clean parks for people and children to enjoy, not one covered in poo.

There is no use at all for enforcement signs to be put up if the council is not going to impose fines. We need prompt enforcement to stamp out this behaviour.

Carl Richardson, Barry.

Readers' Letters

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CCTV in the Vale provides security

AT a recent meeting of Highlight Park Community Neighbourhood Watch, news of proposed cuts to CCTV in Barry area was met with shock, horror and concern.

The article last week in the GEM echoed residents' concerns and confirms what we heard.

Unlike the fears that 'Big Brother is watching' when it was originally introduced, CCTV has proved its value to residents' safety and police investigations.

Consideration that CCTV in Barry may be ceased has caused residents alarm that it could even be considered. Barry is attracting an increased number of visitors each summer.

We already have regular newspaper articles highlighting incidents of violence, anti-social behaviour, damage to properties (shops, cars etc.) and local people are not excluded from this.

We have an increased drug culture with urban gangs bringing more violence and coercion to our area and much more.

CCTV is such an important

tool for the police when investigating crime in the main Barry town shopping areas and Barry Island area.

I urge the Vale Council to be sensible in their decision making and take this into consideration for the safety of our residents. Consider what is the possible consequence when criminals and anti-social behaviour culprits become aware CCTV is no longer a deterrent.

Ada Flinn, Group coordinator, Highlight Park Neighbourhood Watch.

A second referendum is needed – on the Welsh Assembly

WHILE sitting in traffic on the M4 motorway outside Newport recently, my mind drifted to the question of "Just who IS the Welsh Assembly actually serving?"

Clearly, having spent £114m deciding not to improve the main communications link from England into the country, it cannot be acting either for Welsh businesses or the taxpayer. Ask any of the lorry drivers who towered over my little car that day whether we need a new road or not.

Take any of the devolved functions; health, education, transport – these are all doing worse than in England. Pay rates compare equally less favourably, so clearly the Assembly isn't working for the people of Wales either.

Let us look at democracy in Wales. Recently, the Brexit Party won two out of the four MEP seats in Wales, taking 19 of the 22 wards. In the EU Referendum, Wales voted higher than the national average to Leave the EU, at 52.5 per cent. So given these figures, what do Plaid and Labour members of the Welsh Assembly do? They declare that they are going to campaign to remain tied to the EU, so clearly acting against the democratically held view of Welsh voters.

The referendum held in which Labour thrust the Welsh Assembly on us had a turnout of just 35.2 per cent. Of that, the margin that brought us the Assembly was just 0.6 per cent. That 0.6 per cent of the 35.2 per cent who voted brought the Welsh Assembly and established another layer of bureaucracy for taxpayers to finance.

Compare that to the EU Referendum, with a record breaking turnout of 72.2 per cent. Of that, the democratic majority voted to leave the EU (51.9 per cent) compared with 48.1 per cent, a margin of 3.8 per cent – a small margin, but one that is over six times as great as the one that

thrust the Welsh Assembly onto us.

Given that the Welsh Assembly clearly do not represent businesses, the taxpayers, the people or the democratic wishes of Wales, surely it has become self-serving?

The controlling Labour/Plaid wish to overturn Wales' democratic wish to leave the EU – surely now is the time to have a second referendum on whether Wales still wants a Welsh Assembly?

The actual consequences of the Brexit Referendum are not yet known, and will not be until we actually leave the EU. The consequences of having a Welsh assembly are known, as it has now been established and Labour-controlled for more than 20 years and yet it is still failing the people of Wales at every level.

Ade Pitman, Barry.

A step in the right direction' says reader

Iwas so glad to discover, in the last few weeks, that Glenn Griffiths, Dinas Powys butcher, is now using waxed brown paper envelopes in which to wrap his meat.

As a strong advocate of using less plastics I really appreciate this move. I hope other retailers will follow his example, especially supermarkets.

Sonia Lewis, Dinas Powys

Reader thanks good samaritans

MAY I, through The GEM, offer heartfelt thanks to the four young ladies who rushed to my assistance this morning (Monday, June 17) when I tripped and fell near the Cowbridge Town Arch.

They were genuinely concerned about a total stranger. Fortunately, apart from being very shaken up and having badly bruised knees, I was not in serious trouble. Nevertheless, the car owner was kind enough to give me a lift home.

Their kindness will not be forgotten.

Name and address supplied

'Politicians can do what they like'

READING the recent comments from the Vale Leader Neil Moore and what his plans are for the Vale, have I missed something?

How on earth is he and his deputy, Cllr Lis Burnett, now running the Vale Council? When was the election?

If I am not mistaken, at the last election Labour were kicked out of office by the Conservative party.

We are all aware that several members of the Conservative party threw their dolls out the pram and left the Tories to become independent councillors, but there are

what they like and get away with it. Cllr Moore – the people gave a mandate to the Conservative party, not you.

D J Radford, Barry.

'Where does our plastic recycling go?'

I'M a mother of two young children, I'm a militant recycler and trying to cut down single use and multi-use plastic in our home.

I've been following the BBC show 'War on Plastic' and am dismayed to find that the plastics I do use and strictly recycle may be finding their way to countries like Malaysia, not being recycled and even worse openly burned!

I call on the Vale Council to publish the plastic waste route and final destination of the materials we are being encouraged to recycle.

Gemma Stauber, Barry

'Pumps dry at petrol station'

WANTING petrol for my car, I called at the petrol station in St Athan, only to find the pumps that I needed were empty and awaiting delivery.

Having lived in Llantwit Major for over 50 years, we have always had a garage and at one time, two.

With all the new houses, each with one or more cars, I feel this is something we really need here.

Betty Ellis, Llantwit Major.

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Presentation evening at Barry Sea Cadets



Barry Sea Cadets and staff with their awards.

BARRY Sea Cadets held a presentation evening last week, with many cadets gaining promotion and awards.

The awards were presented by the unit president, Steven Allen, and included RYA Stage 1 and 2 Sailing Awards, RYA Level 2 Powerboating, Competent Crew and BTEC Level 1 in Teamwork and Personal Skills.

On the staff side, PO Alison Edwards also obtained an RYA Level 2 Powerboating Certificate.

It was also announced that Able Cadet Edwards has been selected to sail offshore on the TS Royalist in the 2020 Tall Ships race on the leg from La Coruna in Spain to Dunkirk.

Alison said: "I'm really excited at being given this opportunity, as so few Cadets do well enough to be invited to such a prestigious event."

Barry Sea Cadets parade on a Monday and Thursday evening; anyone interested in joining them can email barryseacadets@gmail.com.

Rhose farmer's family farm could be lost to new business park plan



MR Jenkins (pictured above with son Rhys) added: "We have been heartened by the local support we have had - people are aghast at the scale of what is planned."

The GEM approached Legal & General for comment

A spokeswoman from Legal & General, said: "Situated in a strategic position adjacent to Cardiff Airport, the land around Port Road, Rhose, has been allocated for development within the 'St

Athan-Cardiff Airport Enterprise Zone' for a number of years.

"Potential uses have been publicly consulted on and independently examined since 2006. Estimated to deliver over 2,000 jobs once fully operational, this important project will help Cardiff to strengthen its position as a gateway for business, tourism and leisure, while attracting world class talent and supporting the creation of much needed local employment opportunities.

"Outline planning permission

is currently being prepared and is the next stage in a careful and detailed process, during which we have worked closely with the Vale Council, Cardiff and Vale College, and Cardiff Airport, among other stakeholders, in order to ensure that the plans best meet the needs of the local area. While we do not have a fixed date for works to proceed, we are committed to working collaboratively with Mr Jenkins to help ensure a smooth transition so that his business is not unnecessarily disrupted."



Hilary's cows won the show!

Sully Painting Group exhibition

SULLY Painting Group would like to thank everyone who came to see the work done by the members over the last year.

The group were fortunate that after the deluge on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, it was dry - if not sunny - and the number of visitors remained as in previous years.

Viewers were asked to choose the picture they liked most, which was a difficult decision. The winner was Hilary Tasker's painting, 'Cows' - a colourful picture in acrylic paint and inks.

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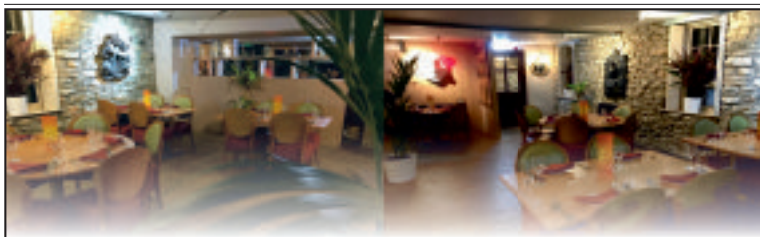


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Council looks at charging for using public toilets around the Vale

PEOPLE in the Vale have slammed the 'revolting' state of the county's public toilets – and are split about plans to charge for them.

Just under half – 49 per cent – of people who responded to a Vale Council consultation said they would be willing to pay to use the toilets – while 51 per cent said they would not.

More than a third – 38 per cent – of the 1,040 people who responded said they would be willing to pay 10p, while 47 per cent said they would cough up 20p. Just two per cent said they would be willing to pay £1 to use a public toilet.

People said the council needed to improve the cleanliness of the public toilets and modernise the facilities.

The council is set to consider the possibility of charging for toilets and possible refurbishments.

One person who responded to the consultation said "some of the toilets are revolting".

"For example, I use the toilets in Porthkerry Park when either out for a run or walk and they are in serious need of refurbishment. The ones in the western shelter are the same; I went in there the other day and couldn't find a toilet cubicle with a working lock."

Another person who responded said: "We need more toilets and particularly accessible ones; lack of facilities actually causes me to not use the Vale shops as much as I once did."

"Many retailers do not allow the

public to use their toilet facilities unless you are a paying customer – why not offer a slight reduction in their business rates if they operate a free public toilet in their premises?"

Another said: "Please don't take away free toilet provision. It discriminates against women and those with young children. I cannot bear the thought of my child – or God forbid myself – having an accident while scrambling round for a 10p."

Another member of the public who responded said the female town centre toilets in Penarth "are a disgrace" and "visitors will be appalled".

But they said: "Those at the Cliff Top and on the Pier are clean, fresh and well maintained. I last visited these during the summer. Those in the town need a thorough overhaul. Decor and cleanliness are shocking. Makes you think twice about using them."

Some people did praise the toilet facilities in the Vale. One responder said: "The toilet facilities are well kept. Voluntary donations, linked directly to the management of the toilets might help reduce the financial implications to the tax payer."

Another said: "The toilets I currently use are clean and tidy. I would not like to see the toilets becoming paid toilets as I normally don't carry cash on me; it would deter me from using the parks and beaches if I knew I had to pay."

Matt Discombe,
Local Democracy Reporter

Maesteg choir to visit Barry

COR Meibion Maesteg ar Cylch are one of the busiest male voice choirs of the Llynfi valley and possibly south Wales, and since their formation in 1974 have raised thousands of pounds for various charities.

They are visiting Barry soon as they have been asked to perform for the All Saints Church Future Development fund in Barry.

The concert is on Saturday, July 13. Doors will be open for the concert at 6.30pm and the concert will commence at 7pm. The musical director of Maesteg, Huw Morgan, together with their accompanist Laura Deenik, has the choir in fine voice.

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Dinas man lands charity marathon on Normandy beaches



A DINAS Powys man is recovering after running nearly 50 miles along the Normandy coast to mark the 75th anniversary of D-Day on June 6.

Martin Wade (pictured above) followed a route across the invasion beaches which should have been 44 miles, but due to security around visits by Presidents Macron and Trump to the beaches, an extra four and a half miles were added to the route.

He was running to raise money for the military mental health charity Combat Stress and in remembrance of his grandfather, Sergeant Bert Wade, who landed on Gold Beach with the Royal Engineers.

Martin (48), who is a reservist with the RAF, finished the race in 11 hours and said it was an unforgettable experience.

"It was a huge privilege to be in Normandy on the 75th anniversary of the landings and to be a small part of the commemorations."

"We started the run

at Point du Hoc on Omaha Beach where the Americans suffered terrible casualties. It was a beautiful, still morning and as dawn broke we held a minute's silence to reflect on the sacrifices made on that day."

The run finished at Pegasus Bridge, which saw the first fighting on D-Day when this vital bridge was captured just after midnight on June 6.

Martin added: "It was very emotional to finish at Pegasus Bridge. There were thousands of people there for the anniversary and after running nearly 50 miles, we all felt proud at what we'd achieved."

Martin raised money for the military mental health charity Combat Stress and has raised almost £600 so far. He said: "I'm so grateful to everyone who has donated and there's still time to help the great work that they do if anyone else would like to donate."

You can donate here: bit.ly/DDay44mile.

Improvements planned for Dinas Powys stations

EASTBROOK and Dinas Powys train stations urgently need to be upgraded, say local campaigners.

They claim some of the existing shelters are in a "dreadful state" with rusted panels, exposed cabling and poor windows. They say one shelter at Eastbrook station is in such a poor condition that a section has been fenced off.

Plaid Cymru community councillor Richard Grigg told The GEM: "These shelters are in an awful state. It is government policy to encourage the use of railways but these conditions are not acceptable to people. We were very disappointed that our bid to the UK Government scheme to improve access to stations was rejected recently. At the very least, the existing facilities should be properly maintained."

"Plaid notes the latest moves to bring back into service 50-year-old trains to help fill a gap. Meanwhile, Welsh taxpayers contribute to the £15 billion Cross Rail scheme serving London."

Fellow councillor Chris Franks said: "It is shameful that the rail authorities

have allowed conditions to deteriorate. Plaid councillors are determined to see that matters are improved urgently. Following our campaign, Transport for Wales has promised that the shelters will be replaced 'in the near future'. However, we have been told that a broken conduit would be replaced urgently. To date, this has not happened."

Colin Lea, customer experience director for Transport for Wales rail services, promised changes were on the way in Dinas Powys.

He said: "Transport for Wales is at the start of a £200 million station investment programme which will transform every single station we manage. All our 247 stations matter to us and the communities we serve, regardless of how big or small, which is why we have made this commitment."

"Eastbrook and Dinas Powys will have investment in their facilities including waiting areas, signage and cycle storage. We have recently begun the procurement process for this project and will seek to work with small local businesses to deliver these improvements wherever possible."

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Chris Elmore said: "It's great to see constituents being able to have a tour of the Parliamentary estate and I really enjoy the opportunity to speak with them afterwards."

Tickets are selling really fast, so please get in touch with me if you're interested in attending."

Following the tour of Parliament, time will be available for constituents to have free time in central London before heading back to Wales. Pick ups will be made from Maesteg at 5.50am and Pencad at 6.30am. The bus will return to the drop off points at around midnight.

Contact Chris Elmore's office on 01656 860 034 or at chris.elmore.mp@parliament.uk.

What happened to the cygnets in Rhoose?

A RHOOSE resident has claimed hooligans killed cygnets at the local lagoon earlier this month.

The woman, a regular visitor to the lake who does not want to be named, said she hoped the police would take action.

But the police issued a cautious statement pointing out that fledgling birds are vulnerable and can die in a number of ways.

The woman told The GEM: "Every spring time a female swan sits on her nest without feeding for eight to 10 weeks in all kinds of weather waiting for her eggs to hatch. It is very moving to see the proud parents then leading tiny cygnets to us to be fed with corn."

"In early June, I went to feed the family of swans and met a group of boys and girls fishing next to a notice board forbidding fishing. I explained to them that the reason for it is to protect water birds from abandoned lines and hooks."

"Every year cygnets perish, entangled in lines left on underwater vegetation, as well as hooks. I got a very nasty reaction, derision and insults."

The swans did not appear and as she left, she met another woman who said she had called the police because she had seen people throwing stones at the swans.

A policewoman appeared and told the teenagers that fishing there was against the law and that throwing stones at the swans was a criminal offence. The woman claims one of the teenagers, a boy, smiled in a "jeering way" and said "you make me feel sick". The police woman then told the teenagers they were not welcome at Rhoose Point any more.

A few days later, on Friday, June 7, the woman was walking home from the local train station and says she met a couple who were very upset because people were scooping up the cygnets in nets.

She tried to call 101, but says she failed to get a response and went up to the lake with corn in the hope of feeding the swans in the usual place.

"I called the swans and then I saw the female

swan on the island tearing feathers from her breast and I realised that she was doing it in despair.

"My heart sank because I knew that she had lost her cygnets. The next day when I went there again the swans came over to me without the cygnets and were very agitated and not eating."

"Everybody locally is asking about the disappearance of the cygnets and I have cried because I was attached to them after feeding them for many weeks, and over the years too."

The woman says she believes "hooligans killed those beautiful little cygnets" and she "feels sick" about what has happened.

The local councillor Andrew RT Davies, who is also an Assembly Member, said he had been in touch with the police to ask them to investigate the incident: "Residents are rightly concerned about anti-social behaviour at Rhoose Point lagoon, and these allegations of animal cruelty, if true, are absolutely deplorable."

The police said officers who attended the scene didn't see anyone throwing stones, adding that young birds leaving the nest are vulnerable and their demise can be caused in a number of ways.

The police released the following statement: "South Wales Police attended Rhoose Point on June 1 after receiving a report that stones were being thrown at cygnets in the lakes. No cygnets were found injured."

"It is an offence under the Wildlife and Countryside Act to intentionally injure or kill a wild swan. Fishing is not permitted in the lakes at Rhoose Point."

"The area is patrolled by local PCSOs and officers and anyone caught breaking the law, will be dealt with accordingly."

"Anyone with any information can call 101 quoting reference 1900197428 or call Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111."

"If you find an injured swan, please contact the RSPCA on 0300 1234 999." **TC**

Probus member recalls growing up in Dyffryn

THE Men's Probus Club of Penarth held its June meeting on Tuesday, June 18.

At the meeting, a local member, Colin Evans, spoke very eloquently on his topic of 'Dyffryn through the eyes of a seven year old'.

During the Second World War, Colin lived for two-and-a-half years in Dyffryn House, a mansion on the outskirts of Cardiff.

His father was in the police service and as part of his work in maintaining security throughout south Wales was appointed to oversee important documents moved from Cardiff city to Dyffryn House during the blitz.

The house had been built for John Cory, a local wealthy landowner in 1894.

Colin enjoyed playing with his friends in the 60-acre estate and mixing with police officers who visited the house as part of their training.

There will not be a July meeting as the club is holding its annual summer luncheon for members and

their guests at Wenvoe Castle Golf Club on Thursday, July 25.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 20 with a talk by Simon Rees - his talk will be on 'Lute and Art'.

New members are always welcome to join Probus.

It is open to both retired and semi-retired men of any age.

The meetings are normally held every third Tuesday of the month at the Sports and Social Club, South Road, Sully.

The club meets at 10am for a 10.30am start with guest speakers on varied topics of interest.

Light refreshments are provided and meetings finish before 12.00 noon.

There are also occasional visits to places of interest and special lunches at various times of the year.

Anyone interested in joining Probus, please contact Gareth Price on 02920 532 793. **GP**



Dogs' Trust's canine carer Phil is looking after Mickey Mouse.

Could you give a home to Mickey Mouse?

MICKEY Mouse is a four-year-old Staffordshire Bull Terrier, a friendly lad who prefers human company and especially loves a fuss and cuddle, and he is Bridgend Dogs Trust's 'Dog of the Week'.

He has a playful nature and loves throwing his toys up in the air. Mickey is best suited as the only pet in the home and would prefer walking in quiet, less doggy populated areas.

He is looking for a home with experienced dog owners who can

continue his training. He is house trained and travels well in the car and is fine to be left for a few hours. Children in the home will need to be over 14 years and over.

Canine carer Phil said: "Mickey Mouse is a delightful chap with oodles of personality. He is a charmer and will tug at your heart strings."

For more information on Mickey Mouse, visit the Dogs Trust Rehoming Centre in Bridgend, CF31 4NG; or give us call on 01656 725219. You can also visit our website at www.dogstrust.org.uk.

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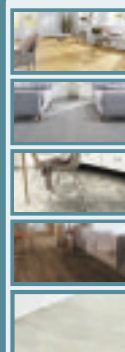
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Call Pastor Chris Bluto for details on 07910162053, 01443 675424 or email pastortcsbluto76@gmail.com.

Messy Church
A MESSY Church will be held on Sunday, June 23 in Llyswnor Church from 12 noon to 2pm.

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Literature festival
PENARTH Literature Festival, now in its eighth year, begins today (June 20) and continues throughout the weekend.

Organised by local bookshop Griffin Books, the author talks include fiction, medicine, faith, politics, poetry and children's books, all with a distinctly Welsh flavour, as well as a creative writing workshop.

Tickets are available at www.ticketsource.co.uk/griffinbooks or on 02920 706455.

Highlight Cuppa
HIGHLIGHT Park Cuppa will be open from 2.30pm-3.30pm on Monday, June 24 in the Highlight Park Community Centre; everyone welcome - enjoy a cuppa and some company.

CADS presents
'DECKCHAIRS 2' by Jean McConnell will be performed from July 10-13 at The Market Theatre, Cowbridge (next to the Scout Hall).

Doors and Jim's Bar open 7pm, curtain up, 7.30pm. Tickets, £7.50, available from WG Davies Newsagents.

‘Junction 34 link road funding the wrong priority’ says AM

SOUTH Wales Central AM Andrew RT Davies has called on the Welsh Government to rethink their priorities, after more funding was provided for the controversial M4 link road through Pendoylan.

In a letter to Mr Davies, Minister for Economy and Transport Ken Skates confirmed £750,000 had been provided to the Vale Council to undertake a WelTAG3 study of the project.

Mr Davies said he supported improving the road between the A48 and M4 Junction 34, but that the proposed “over-engineered” solution would be both damaging and unnecessary.

Instead, he called for the existing infrastructure to be upgraded, and demanded greater priority be given to the much-needed Dinas

Powys by-pass.

Mr Davies said: “Most residents agree that the road between the A48 and Junction 34 needs improving, but plans for a viaduct dissecting the Ely Valley are not the answer. It is both unnecessary and a waste of resources, all while the Welsh Government have been proudly declaring a climate emergency.

“Instead, a far more cost effective and practical solution would be to upgrade the existing road infrastructure. If WelTAG3 funding can be made available for this project, then it should certainly be provided for the Dinas Powys by-pass too.

“The by-pass would put an end to the gridlock between Cardiff and Barry, and it’s clear this should be the priority.”

Local walk avoids the water-logged woods of Dinas!

AFTER a night and half a day of heavy rainfall, five walkers were lured out to join Joy from Penarth and District Ramblers at Dinas Powys for the fifth summer evening stroll and fortunately the evening stayed dry.

The intended route was quickly changed as it would have meant wading through long grassed fields and overgrown pathways that were sodden. Instead, the group set off from the Twyn pounding pavements at Highwalls Avenue before moving gradually uphill along the Beauville Lane to enjoy grand views over the Bristol Channel.

Following the muddy and water-logged lane past Coed Twyncyn and arriving at the One o’Clock gate, several golfers were out finally enjoying a round of golf in comparative dryness and, having passed the time of day, the group continued uphill on a stony path into Park Wood.

Narrow muddy pathways led them through the sodden trees on a circular route before they headed downhill along a bridle track and out onto a farm track at the northern end of the steep wooded Cwm George.

With views across the valley towards Llandough Hospital, Michaelston-le-Pit and away to the north the hump of Garth Hill on the skyline, they continued through damp fields with sweet smelling honeysuckle to the Millfields. Then, passing through several gates, a man-made track brought them to

the stone bridge over the Cadoston River and out onto Mill Road for the short journey and a climb via Heol y Cawl back to their waiting cars.

Penarth and District are well-known for their double acts of man and dog and Robin and Pepper were such a well-known team for so many years. Pepper trekked along many long distance paths and climbed lots of mountains in all weathers with his master Robin, and was a loveable, good natured spaniel, always eager to please and he loved being on walks with his rambling pals.

So it is with great sadness we learn that Pepper has taken his last walk and their partnership has come to an end. Pepper will be very much missed by everyone who knew him and our thoughts and best wishes are with Robin at this very sad time.

On June 22, meet 9am at Cogan Leisure Centre for a 10-mile strenuous walk through a wind farm and Clydach Vale; contact Geriant on 029 2051 5278.

On June 25, meet 9.30am at Cogan for a 5.5-mile moderate walk taking in Cefn Onn Park; contact Alison on 07717 820 012.

On June 26, a 12-mile moderate walk along the Wales Coast Path from Bynea to Llanrhidian (details from group website or leader); contact Terry on 07591 188 029.

Joy Strangward



The children were pleased to meet Josh Navidi, who presented the trophies.

Lady Taverners’ school sports fun day

AROUND 120 children from six special schools competed in the Lady Taverners’ inter-school sports day at the National Indoor Athletics Centre in Cardiff recently.

Heronbridge, Meadowbank, Ty Gwyn, Riverbank, Ysgol y Deri and The Hollies competed in sports including wheelchair races, long jump, table

tennis, skittles and egg and spoon races.

The event finished with a relay race and a lap of honour with all the children taking part.

Face painting was also provided by Acorns Nurseries.

Glamorgan County Cricket Club and Welsh Gymnastics joined in the fun and Wales and Cardiff Blues player Josh Navidi came along to meet the children and present the cups to the winning schools.

The Lord’s Taverners provided equipment so that the children could experience table cricket - a specially designed version of the game which enables young people with severe physical and learning disabilities to participate in the game.

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Collie pups looking for homes at Dogs' Trust



ABOVE:
It's a pups life! Collie pups with Canine Carers at Dogs Trust Bridgend.

DOGS' Trust Bridgend is appealing for forever homes for lots of Collies, as the rehoming centre has had an influx of this loveable breed.

The fabulous 14 range from longer stay resident, two-year-old Whiskey, to nine-week-old pup Lotus Blossom and her six littermates. While the pups have now found loving new families, the rest are eager to meet their special someone.

The current Collie residents at Dogs Trust Bridgend include

three-year-old Khaleesi, who hasn't had much socialisation in her early life and can be shy when it comes to meeting new people. She will need to live with another dog already in the home in a quiet rural area, with an adult only family who are prepared to make a few visits to the centre to build up a relationship.

Three-year-old Percy is timid and is looking for a forever family and needs to be the only dog in an adult-only home. She is a bright girl and with patience, she will be a lovely companion.

Energetic lad Whiskey is two years old and is looking for a family that can keep up with him! Another dog already in the home would help with his confidence. His new family would need to make multiple visits to build up a bond with him before taking him home and would prefer a quiet home life so he can learn to settle.

Angela Wetherall, Dogs Trust Bridgend Rehoming Centre Manager, said: "Sadly, we do see many of these types of dogs coming into us for a variety of reasons and sometimes they are

handed in when they become too much for their owners who have not considered the implications of owning a breed that requires a lot of mental and physical stimulation. They need regular exercise, so it is important that we find owners who understand the demands of this breed and are in a position to offer a life-long commitment."

If you are interested in offering any Dogs Trust Bridgend residents a loving home, call the rehoming centre on 0300 303 0292 or visit www.dogstrust.org.uk.

Hepatitis A outbreak investigated in Vale

PUBLIC Health Wales is currently investigating an outbreak of seven confirmed cases of Hepatitis A in the Vale.

The outbreak has spread beyond a cluster of five cases after recent vaccination sessions in schools in Penarth and Barry. The two new cases of Hepatitis A are not in children attending the schools, and both have direct links to the original five cases.

Public Health Wales, Cardiff and Vale University Health Board and the environmental health team at Shared Regulatory Services (SRS) Wales are investigating the outbreak and offering advice to close contacts of the patients.

Dr Rhianwen Stiff, Consultant in Communicable Disease Control for Public Health Wales, said: "Hepatitis

A is a viral infection that may cause flu-like illness or gastrointestinal upset. Hepatitis A can be unpleasant, but it's not usually serious. Children often only have a very mild illness or do not have symptoms at all.

"The best way to prevent infection spreading is to encourage good hand washing at all times, particularly after using the toilet and before preparing or eating food. Symptoms can include flu-like illness such as tiredness, general aches and pains, headaches and fever, loss of appetite, nausea or vomiting, abdominal pains, jaundice, very dark urine and itchy skin."

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Ysgol Bro Morgannwg pupils excel in Eisteddfod in the Bay



ABOVE: The school's year-7, 8 and 9 choir took first place.

YSGOL Gymraeg Bro Morgannwg enjoyed a successful Urdd National Eisteddfod.

The week-long festival celebrating Welsh language and culture was held in Cardiff Bay this year and YGBM pupils won a total of 20 medals in a wide range of categories from singing, acting, creative writing, art, music, mathematics and hairdressing.

Adding to the celebrations was the announcement that former pupil Brenning Davies had won The Crown, the main literary prize for prose.

Brenning, now a first-year student at Oxford University where he is reading English, explained that the main reason he had competed for The Crown was the school.

He said: "I was inspired to compete for The Crown this year by the encouragement the Welsh Department at Ysgol Gymraeg Bro Morgannwg had given me, especially Miss Heledd Lewis and it is a huge privilege to win The Crown."

"Another boost was winning the year-12 and 13 prose competition at the Urdd Eisteddfod last year, and feeling that I wanted to stick to my Welsh roots even though I now live half the year in England!"

Mr Hywel Price, headteacher, commented: "YGBM is very proud of all our pupils who took

part in the Urdd National Eisteddfod from the opening ceremonies, helping behind the scenes, preliminary rounds and on the national stage.

"The eisteddfod is a wonderful opportunity for students to express their many talents and this was certainly shown in the medals won across a wide range of competitions. The medals are only the tip of the iceberg as we encourage everyone to take part, and this year we had a good percentage of our students compete."

"To see our former pupil Brenning Davies crowned for his literary skills was the highlight of a very successful week. Llonyfarchiadau."

Medal Winners

Efa Peake harp solo years 7, 8, 9 – 2nd place. Gracie Sheldon guitar solo yrs 7, 8, 9 – second place. Begw Rowlands monologue yr 13 and under – second place. Anni Davies and Begw Rowlands acting yr 13 and under – 1st place. Billy Thomas stand up comedy yr 13 and under – 3rd place. Mali Rhys-Dillon art colour prints yrs 7, 8, 9 – 1st place. Taliesin Griffiths art ceramics yrs 5, 6 – 3rd place. Morgan Anstey mathematics yrs 7, 8, 9 – 1st place. Lowri Thomas creative writing yrs 10, 11 – 1st place. Morgan Bailey music composition yr 13 and under – 1st place. Morgan Bailey music composition yrs 10, 11 – 3rd place. Olivia Nash hairdressing level 1 – 2nd place. Choir SA yrs 7, 8, 9 – 1st place. Girls' choir yrs 7, 8, 9 – 1st place. Drama performance yrs 7, 8, 9 – 2nd place. Folk dancing yrs 7, 8, 9 – 3rd place. Vocal ensemble yr 13 and under – 1st place. Musical show ensemble yr 13 and under – 3rd place. Choir SATB yr 13 and under – 1st place. Drama performance yr 13 and under – 1st place.

AM congratulates Vale Honours List recipients

SOUTH Wales Central AM Andrew RT Davies has sent his congratulations to Vale residents recognised in The Queen's Birthday Honours List.

Cowbridge-based Professor Robert Hughes Williams CBE was awarded a knighthood for services to higher education research and the Welsh Language. Another Cowbridge resident, Joshua Llewellyn-Jones, was awarded the OBE for services to cystic fibrosis research.

He has raised over £650,000 for various charities, including CF Warriors, which he founded.

Among those awarded the MBE were Professor Anthony James Beyer of Penarth, Abi Reader of Wenvoe and Jayne Louise Ludlow of Barry. Professor Beyer is Professor of Geriatric Medicine and Director of the Memory Assessment Service at Cardiff and

the Vale University Health Board and up the Cardiff Memory Team in 1984, and was awarded the MBE for services to healthcare.

Abi Reader runs Goldsland Farm in Wenvoe, and was awarded the MBE for services to farming. Jayne Louise Ludlow is the manager of the Welsh women's football side, and her MBE was for services to women's football in Wales.

Sandra Elizabeth Williams of Cowbridge was awarded the British Empire Medal (BEM) for services to the community in the Vale.

She has played a key role in Cowbridge Male Voice Choir and is the organist at St Hilary Church.

Mr Davies said: "It is once again fantastic to see so many people from across the Vale recognised, and to see a knighthood among them, which Professor Williams fully deserves for his hard work."

£100 dog fines on the way

FINES of £100 for antisocial dog owners in the Vale are set to be enforced this summer.

Dog walkers would face on the spot fines if they do not pick up after their pets on sports pitches or other public spaces under a public spaces protection order which is currently being considered by the Vale Council. There would also be seasonal bans of dogs from some beaches under the order, which was approved by Vale Council's cabinet on June 17. If the full council approves the order in July, there will be a six-week period to allow for any appeals, after which the proposals would be enforced.

Seasonal bans of dogs would still apply at Whitmore Bay in Barry Island, Dunraven Bay, and Cwm Colhuw but seasonal bans currently in place at Penarth seafront and the Knap beach would be removed.

Dogs would still be banned from all children's play areas, ecological conservation areas,

and bowling greens in the Vale and they would be required to be on leads all year round on the promenade at Whitmore Bay and Penarth seafront and pier.

A blanket ban of dogs from all sports pitches had been put forward but has since been dropped following opposition from dog owners.

A petition signed by 1,522 people opposed the ban but a consultation answered by 1,763 people found 57 per cent supported the banning of dogs from marked sports pitches.

A survey of the Vale Council's parks staff in 2017 found 93 per cent claimed there was an issue with people not removing dog faeces and 81 per cent claimed this problem was all year round.

"Staff responsible for maintaining the featured parks had expressed their frustration with irresponsible dog owners and claimed that the problem with dog fouling was under-reported to the council," a report said.

Matt Discombe, local democracy reporter

Chamber music on the pier



THE sixth Penarth Chamber Music Festival will take place from June 27-30, with 11 concerts at the iconic Penarth Pier Pavilion.

Tickets are available from www.penarth-chambermusicfestival.org.uk, ticketsource (03336663366) and on the door.

The artistic directors, David Adams and Alice Neary will be joined by festival patron, soprano Rebecca Evans, along with Malin Broman, Laura Samuel, Lesley Hatfield (violins), Rebecca Jones, Tom Dunn (viola), David Stark (double bass), Simon Crawford-Phillips (piano), Lenny Sayers (presenter) and James Lea (lecturer).

Chamber music masterpieces by Schubert, Brahms, Elgar, Strauss and Rachmaninov will feature, with a world premiere by Penarth resident, Robert Fokkens.

As well as the main evening concerts, a family concert and 'relaxed concert' in a supportive environment for those with special needs and their carers will be held.

Tickets (£5-£22) with free tickets for eight to 25-year-olds supported by Cavatina Chamber Music Trust.

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Possible jobs for ex-Ford employees

THERE are hopes that some of the 1,700 workers threatened with losing their jobs at the Ford engine plant at Bridgend could find new work at the Aston Martin plant at St Athan.

The possibility was raised at the National Assembly by South Wales Central AM Andrew R T Davies. He told Economy Minister Ken Skates that when jobs were shed by Tesco at Cardiff and Virgin at Swansea, there were other large businesses available to take on a lot of their workers.

The Bridgend Ford plant is predominantly an engineering facility where 1,700 jobs will be at risk following the end of the consultation period, and he pointed out to Mr Skates that Aston Martin are actively recruiting for 500 to 600 jobs. Mr Skates said Mr Davies was right to identify Aston Martin Lagonda as a major employer offering high-quality and well-paid work.

He said: "We believe that something in the

region of 500 jobs could be offered for Ford workers there. Aston Martin Lagonda have made south Wales their global home for the development of electric cars, showing confidence in Wales's ability to transition to a low-carbon economy. The company is incredibly ambitious with plans for new vehicles, and I'm hopeful that it will go on expanding."

"The Welsh Government stands ready to assist Aston Martin in expanding to ensure that more people have decent jobs and the Welsh Government are also working with other potential investors."

Mr Skates and his colleagues are working with the Department for International Trade and the Department for Business to secure as many job opportunities as possible and has been in regular contact with Welsh Secretary Alun Cairns concerning a number of potential investments. He said: "I am hopeful that we will be able to announce good news in the weeks and months to come."

MP

Barry school wins Young Carer award

YSGOL Gymraeg Bro Morgannwg has just won a prestigious award that acknowledges schools' provision for young carers.

The school won the 'Basics Level for Young Carers in Schools Programme' which was awarded just days after the school was rated 'excellent' for their 'Wellbeing and attitudes to learning' in their recent Estyn inspection report.

The award is given by Carers Trust South East Wales to schools who can offer young carers recognition and care while in school.

A 'young carer' does not have to be the main carer in the home, but could be living in the same house as someone who needs some extra care.

The school provides a fortnightly club for Young Carers to meet, discuss and share experiences.

The club chair is

Lowri Owen from year 12, who recently organised a school service to raise awareness of pupils who are carers at home.

Jennifer Denham, Ysgol Gymraeg Bro Morgannwg's wellbeing officer, said: "It is important that young people feel supported in school and know they have somewhere to turn to if they feel under pressure – whether with homework, school life or punctuality."

In their recent Estyn report, it was highlighted that ensuring pupils' wellbeing is at the heart of Ysgol Gymraeg Bro Morgannwg's work.

The report said: "An emphasis on nurturing respectful, caring and responsible citizens and providing care and support of the highest quality, permeates throughout the school."

Support for pupils with emotional, health and social needs is exceptional."

Building's future is up in the air

A VINTAGE building in Penarth could be turned into an art gallery or tea rooms as the council looks to sell it on.

The Vale Council has declared South Lodge in Windsor Gardens surplus to requirements and in January last year agreed to market it as being suitable for a "catering operation".

However, the Edwardian building, which boasts views over Penarth Esplanade, will be marketed for a range of uses, including residential visitor accommodation, tea rooms or gallery space or for community or tourism uses.

"Given the views South Lodge benefits from and the potential uniqueness of being a park keeper's cottage, it could have significant appeal in a range of markets."

"It is not proposed to invite proposals to turn South Lodge into a residential home."

A report agreed by cabinet on June 17 said: "Any future development proposals for South Lodge will need to respect its 'County Treasure' status, preserve and enhance the Penarth Conservation Area and the adjoining Grade II-listed Windsor Gardens."

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Matt Discombe, Local Democracy Reporter

Strawberry Fayre

BRIDGEND United Church on Tondur Road, Bridgend, will hold a Strawberry Fayre on Saturday, June 29, from 10am to 12 noon.

Entry is by donation which includes a scone, strawberries and cream, the coffee or squash.

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Action is required on Weycock Cross 'chaos' says AM

THE Vale Council must take action over the "ongoing chaos" being caused by roadworks at Weycock Cross roundabout in Barry, South Wales Central AM Andrew RT Davies has said.

The disruption has been caused by works to upgrade Five Mile Lane, despite no maintenance being carried out on Port Road linking Cardiff, Barry and Rhose.

Mr Davies said he had been inundated with complaints from constituents across the area, pointing out that tailbacks were going back "miles" and causing considerable delays.

Similar problems have occurred on the A48 at Sycamore Cross, where the AM says that complex traffic controls have caused additional problems.

He called for action to be taken to minimise the disruption, and has raised concerns with the council.

Mr Davies said: "The works to upgrade Five Mile Lane have caused significant disruption on Port Road, despite the fact that this road is not part of the upgrade scheme."

"Many people are rightly concerned by the delays, which are especially bad in peak hours, and I have been caught in them myself far too often."

"The council must take action to minimise the inconvenience caused. I don't see why works on one road can have such effects on another, and they need to sort it out."

Emma Reed, the Vale Council Head of Neighbourhood Services and Transport, said: "We are fully aware of the frustration and disruption experienced by residents, businesses and visitors over the past few months at the Weycock Cross junction in Barry."

"The works being undertaken by water and electricity companies are connected to road construction works currently under way on Five Mile Lane which will significantly improve vehicle, pedestrian and cycling transport links in the area."

"The nearby Five Mile Lane improvement project will deliver faster journey times and a safer, more reliable route. The scheme will also offer improved access to Cardiff Airport and St Athan Enterprise Zone."

"The Weycock Cross Junction works include widening the road around the roundabout, installing a Toucan crossing on Port Road west on the road to the Cwm Ciddy pub, as well as the realignment of various kerbs to enhance cycling and pedestrian access."

"Construction work at the Weycock Cross roundabout, Barry

will also significantly improve local utility infrastructure."

"There have been ongoing technical issues with an old large asbestos water main which serves a significant number of properties in the Barry, Rhose and airport area. These are currently being addressed by Welsh Water whilst they are still maintaining water supplies to properties and businesses in the area."

"These water works are due to be completed by early July. Western Power Distribution are then due to carry out electrical works at the Weycock Cross junction, which are scheduled for approximately 10 days."

"Once these water and electricity works have been completed, construction work related to the Five Mile Lane project will resume and is due to be completed in the early autumn. As part of this work, the Weycock Cross Junction road will have a new surface."

"To minimise further disruption, work carried out by Welsh Water to construct a new water main, from the Welsh Hawking Centre on Five Mile Lane via the Weycock Cross Junction along Pontypridd Road, will take place at the same time at the Weycock Cross Junction."



Mrs Lyn Murray presents the trophy to the Alto Rebels team.

Golfers enjoy Ray Murray Golf Day

PROSTATE Cymru's annual golf day, the Ray Murray Golf Challenge, took place on May 17 at Machynys Peninsula Golf Club in Llanelli.

The day is one of the charity's key events in their annual calendar and is supported by a number of individuals and businesses from across Wales.

The golf day is held in memory of Ray Murray, the founder chairman of Prostate Cymru, who established the charity in Cowbridge in 2003. Ray was passionate about raising awareness of prostate issues and raising funds for the charity to improve patients' experience in Wales.

As a keen golfer, one of the key events he organised each year was a charity golf day and Prostate Cymru continues to run the annual golf event in his honour.

Golfers, including Ray's sons Rob and Matt Murray, enjoyed 18 holes of golf on the Nicklaus championship course.

Fundraising activities including a raffle and games were held and prizes were presented to teams and individuals in the evening after a delicious two-course meal. The prizes were presented by the Murray family Lyn, Rob and Matt Murray.

The winning team were the Alto Rebels from office technology firm AltoDigital, successfully defending their title from

2018. BMI Healthcare Werndale Hospital and law firm Blake Morgan LLP placed second and third respectively.

Gareth Gamblins from Team Deadly won the prize for nearest the pin and Paul Doherty from Blake Morgan won the longest drive. The sweeps winners were ambassador Matt Murray from Team Murray for guessing the number of lost balls on the course, ambassador Eddie Butler from the Prostate Cymru team for guessing the number of tees in the jar and Andrew Street from Aecom, who correctly guessed where Prostate Cymru chairman Andy Thomas' first shot was going to land on hole 16 as part of the 'Spot the Surgeon's Drive' game.



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Jones Dairies' war on scourge of single use plastic!



CHRIS Jones of Jones Dairies delivers milk and fruit juice in glass bottles to his customers. IMAGE by GLYN EVANS.

A FAMILY-run dairy company in Barry has saved 150,000 uses of single-use plastic in the last 18 months thanks to customers switching to milk in glass bottles.

Jones Dairies, based on Dock View Road, has been delivering milk in the Vale for 90 years and is keen to do its bit to save the environment by encouraging deliveries in glass bottles rather than plastic ones.

Chris Jones, who runs the company with his brother Gareth, told The GEM: "Because of David Attenborough's films people have become aware of the serious damage that single use plastic items can do to the environment.

"Over the last 18 months many people have called us to say they

want their milk delivered in glass bottles. We estimate that has saved 150,000 items of single use plastic.

"Thanks to customers who have switched, and new people coming to us because they don't want to use the supermarkets' plastic bottles, we are now running along at an extra 2,500 pints in glass bottles every week."

The GEM featured the company in February 2018 when it started to get inundated with calls from eco-conscious consumers who had watched Blue Planet II, which was broadcast in late 2017.

The documentary revealed a startling statistic – that eight million tonnes of plastic a year ends up in the ocean.

Chris explained: "Unlike plastic, a glass bottle can be reused 30 times before it is sent off to be recycled. It is then recycled into new glass

bottles that will one day be recycled again. It is a continuous process."

Last week, a BBC programme, War on Plastic, presented by Hugh Fearnley-Whittingstall and Anita Rani, demonstrated how households in just one street in Bristol had several thousand single-use plastic items.

Chris said: "It led to another surge in calls from people. Everybody has milk and consumers are thinking more and more about the packaging that is used. We sell milk, fresh fruit juice and spring water all in glass bottles.

"Supermarkets don't seem to want to deal in glass – maybe they think it's too fragile.

"Zero plastic waste is the ideal answer to the problem at hand and we're proud of the difference we are making."

'Sweetest pair' of Akitas a need home



MOJITO and Malakai are three-year-old Japanese Akitas who arrived at the centre together and give each other confidence, and therefore Dogs' Trust are looking to rehome them together.

New owners will need to live in an appropriately sized home with a large garden so that they have plenty of space to settle in. They love to run off-lead and would benefit from having lots of enrichment to keep their brains busy.

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Dog trainer Kim said: "Mojito and Malakai are the cutest pair. They walk well on the lead and are very affectionate.

They will make loving and rewarding companions." For more information in Mojito and Malakai, visit the Dogs Trust Rehoming Centre in Bridgend, CF31 4NG; or give us call on 01656 725219. You can also visit our website at www.dogstrust.org.uk.

Air Passenger Duty to be devolved to Welsh Government by 2021

CARDIFF Airport has welcomed a report published on June 11 by the Welsh Affairs Committee into the devolution of Air Passenger Duty (APD).

The unanimously-agreed report recommends that the UK Government should hand over control of Air Passenger Duty in Wales to the Welsh Government by 2021.

Cardiff Airport has continuously reinforced its position on the matter – calling for the tax to be devolved and then reduced or abolished.

Cardiff Airport believes that the devolution and subsequent modification of APD in Wales offers a significant

opportunity to create value for both the airport and region, supporting an integrated UK aviation strategy without detrimental impact on airports across the border in England.

Devolution alone would not directly affect the airport business.

However, it would offer the Welsh Government the discretion to set levels appropriately for Wales.

It is the subsequent reduction or abolishment of APD, which would positively affect Cardiff Airport and the regional economy by stimulating airline activity resulting in more passengers and business growth.

While Cardiff Airport recognises the responsibility

of the industry to reduce its environmental impact, it acknowledges that displacing air travel to/from London airports will help reduce carbon emissions from long car journeys by keeping air travel within the region.

Cardiff Airport is firmly committed to reducing its carbon footprint and has introduced a significant number of initiatives to offset emissions and improve efficiency.

Deb Barber, CEO at Cardiff Airport said: "We are delighted by the findings of the report which show the Committee agree with the strength of the compelling case to devolve APD without adversely affecting English airports.

"Devolution allows the Welsh Government the discretion to set levels appropriately for Wales and must be balanced with environmental considerations – there is certainly an opportunity to reduce the need for long car journeys to and from English airports by increasing flight options to and from the region.

"The recommendation must now be taken seriously by UK Government. With Brexit on the horizon, the UK should seize the opportunity and take forward solutions to be more competitive, stimulate investment and encourage global connectivity."

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A TALK by local author Vanessa Savage will be at Penarth Library on Saturday, June 22, 11am-12 noon, when she will talk about her debut novel, *The Woman in the Dark*, which is set on the south Wales coast.

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Bridgend Male Choir's song of solidarity with Ford workers



BRIDGEND Male Choir performed the Welsh national anthem outside Ford's UK headquarters, following the company's decision to close their plant in Bridgend.

The choir were "supporting Ford Bridgend workers". Around 1,700 people will lose their jobs when the engine factory closes in autumn 2020. The choir stopped off at the offices in Essex following a scheduled performance at Chelmsford Cathedral.

Free equipment loan to community groups

GLAMORGAN Voluntary Services (GVS), a local charity based in the Vale, supports community groups serving the Vale with a variety of free and low cost services.

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City Deal bosses £50k business trip to Cannes

NEARLY £50,000 was spent flying out 10 high-ranking councillors and chief executives from south east Wales to a four-day business conference in the French Riviera.

Representatives of the Cardiff Capital Region (CCR) City Deal attended the Marche International des Professionnels d'Immobilier (MIPIM) in March to promote the £1.2 billion venture.

Flights, accommodation and transport costs totalled £17,586 for the trip to the renowned event in Cannes, which was attended by more than 26,000 investors, developers and journalists from around the world. The delegation included council leaders and chief executives.

Another £30,538 was spent on conference passes, an event stand, meetings, marketing materials and a debrief dinner.

A breakdown of costs per attendee is as follows:

- Cllr Huw David, leader of Bridgend council – £1,829.54.
- Cllr David Poole, leader of Caerphilly council – £1,855.94.
- Christina Harrihy, interim chief executive of Caerphilly council – £1,855.94.
- Cllr Peter Fox, leader of Monmouthshire council – £1,855.94.
- Paul Matthews, chief executive of Monmouthshire council – £1,855.94.
- Cllr Andrew Morgan, leader of Rhondda Cynon Taf council – £1,855.94.
- Frank Holmes, chief of the CCR Economic Growth Partnership – £1,829.54.
- Kellie Beirne, CCR director – £1,579.68.
- Two CCR council officers – £3,067.68.

In a report discussed by CCR leaders on June 10, director Kellie Beirne said the presence showed that the region was "in the game and invested in developing its international presence".

"A range of high-potential contacts and new high-value networks were formed," reads the report. "Whilst CCR was never going to leave MIPIM with a done deal, the potential for future collaboration and investment opportunities clearly exists. In this case, it was about establishing reciprocity, interest, creating buzz, connecting on a personal level and beginning to set out purpose and intent."

There are now plans to attend the MIPIM Cannes event in 2020, though Ms Beirne has suggested that the branding of the region should be strengthened.

Neil Briertley, who led the MIPIM trip as chair of the CCR Business Council, said: "MIPIM is the ideal opportunity to showcase the city region and ensure the CCR shines brightly in the European investment market."

"We consider the 2019 event a major success, and a springboard for MIPIM 2020."

Niall Griffiths
Local democracy reporter

Council leader – Vale decisions will 'take time'

THE new leadership of the Vale Council has been warned there are "no excuses" for kicking controversial plans for new parking charges and to 'close' a school into the long grass.

Cllr Neil Moore, who leads the Labour-led coalition now running the Vale Council, has said he won't be rushed into making key decisions or "kowtow to those who shout the loudest".

Key decisions on whether parking charges will be introduced to parts of the Vale for the first time, or the transfer of Llancaiach Primary School to Rhos, are not likely to be made until later in the year.

Vale Conservative Leader, Cllr Vincent Bailey, said the new administration had made its stance on these issues clear in opposition, and warned that members of the public would now expect them to come good on their commitments.

Cllr Lis Burnett, now deputy leader of the Vale council, tweeted during the Rhos by-election in February that the Llancaiach School closure "wouldn't be happening if Welsh Labour were running the council".

Cllr Neil Moore, as a member of the council's Environment and Regeneration Committee, voted unanimously along with other committee members to reject proposals for car parking charges.

Cllr Bailey said: "Cllr Moore is an experienced politician and played a key role as part of the Environment and Regeneration committee alongside

me in tearing up these proposals for parking charges.

"He is now in a position to reassure Barry Island traders that they need not fear the impact of draconian charges, and we will join the community in supporting him if he does."

On Llancaiach School, Cllr Bailey added: "Having spent two years chairing the committee which looked at this decision in great detail, it's hard to see why Cllr Burnett cannot come out right away and reverse this decision."

"These are not new councillors dealing with new issues. There really is no excuse to waste time and allow these concerns to fester over the summer."

In a joint statement, Cllrs Moore and Burnett said: "It's always disappointing when politicians suggest that simple answers to complicated issues are possible. Cllr Bailey would be aware that the last Labour administration repeatedly refused to consider recommendations to close Llancaiach."

"However, once it had been put on the table, I imagine the people of the Vale would expect us to fully review the proposal before a decision is taken."

"Our comments on parking charges are also a matter of public record. We also know we have to find a way to balance the huge costs of non-statutory services. We need to find a way of funding our much-loved country parks, the management of our resorts and car parks and our events programmes yet minimise any impact and inconvenience on local residents, businesses and communities. If that takes a little time, so be it."

Matt Discombe,
Local democracy reporter.

Council extends its Syrian refugee rehoming scheme

MORE refugees from war-torn Syria are to get new lives in the Vale.

The council has agreed to extend its participation in a United Nations scheme which resettles Syrian refugees until March 2020.

Syrian refugees have been taken in by councils in Cardiff and the Vale since May 2016 under a three-year agreement with the Home Office.

That has since expired but the Vale Council's cabinet has now agreed to continue actively resettle Syrian refugees until March next year.

Since May 2016 a total of 12 Syrian refugee families have been resettled in the Vale. The council now hopes to resettle another four families by March 2020.

A total of 28 families have been resettled across Cardiff and the Vale

since May 2016.

Cardiff council, which has also agreed to extend its participation in the scheme, hopes to rehome a further six Syrian refugee families by March next year.

A Cardiff council meeting has heard both councils have only used private rented accommodation to resettle the refugees amid growing demand for social housing and homelessness.

The UK Government funds the costs of resettling refugees for five years but the amount councils can claim reduces year on year.

In the first 12 months, councils can claim tariffs of £8,250 for each adult or £8,520 for each child on top of grants of up to £4,500 for schooling costs.

Matt Discombe,
Local democracy reporter

Two Corntown gardens open to the public for National Garden Scheme charity

CORNTOWN Gardens, Bridgend - Y Bwthyn and Rhos Geler is open on Sunday, June 23, between 11am and 4pm as part of the National Garden Scheme.

Y Bwthyn has had over 30 years of hard labour, some guesswork and considerable good luck resulting in a delightful garden.

The area at the

front of the house is a mixture of hot colour combinations whilst at the rear of this modest sized garden the themes are of a more traditional cottage garden style which include colour themed borders as well as soft fruit, herbs and vegetables.

There will be home-made teas at Y Bwthyn. Rhos Geler's garden has a lavender hedge at the front and subjects to attract butterflies.

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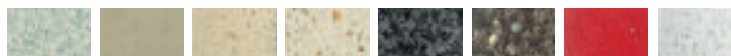
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Bryncethin Rugby Club's £550K project for community

PHIL Jones, the vice-chairman of Bryncethin Rugby Club, first played for the club 50 years ago and did not want to see a club with junior and adult teams at the heart of the community disappear when the council said they had a choice between pitch fees rising astronomically, the pavilion closing, or the club taking responsibility for running it and cutting the grass themselves.

Phil and three others at the club have spent the last few years undertaking a Community Asset Transfer (CAT) for the club's pavilion from Bridgend County Borough Council (BCBC).

He said: "When I was young, the rugby club was the centre of village life. We played for it, and felt part of the village – any team sport is a good thing, for discipline and friendship."

"But rugby clubs are struggling. Some of the clubs in the county have already closed, and it's altering the social fabric of communities. Our pavilion was close to being condemned, and the council didn't have the money to spend on it."

"We realised we either had to take it on ourselves or it would close due to the sub-standard conditions, and rugby would ultimately go from the village. We have been in existence for 130 years but we would have been finished if we hadn't done this."

They are now leading a £550,000 building project, which is transforming the run-down pavilion into a two-storey community centre with new changing rooms, kitchens, an IT suite, a meeting room, large hall area and patio doors onto a balcony.

In addition to clubs and various organisations, town and community councils are also taking on facilities where they can, in order to ensure they are not lost.

In Bridgend, Bryncethin RFC's pavilion is the first outdoor sports facility to be transferred by the local authority. In recent years BCBC has wanted clubs to take on leases for buildings and sports fields, but it is only in the last year it has raised the stakes.

It has warned clubs and local organisations that if they do not take responsibility for them, the council will have little option but to close facilities – or charge clubs up to five times more to use them.

The council currently provides 40 football pitches, 31 rugby pitches, nine cricket squares and 17 bowling greens. A public consultation is currently running, asking clubs what appetite they have for taking on leases and how they should be managed. Historically, the council has provided the services on a heavily-subsidised basis, covering on average up to 80% of costs.

There is concern that as local authorities withdraw looking after outdoor sports facilities, football and rugby could slowly die out at grassroots level.

Graham Williams, director of community engagement at Sport Wales, says the increasing financial pressures on local authorities is having a knock-on effect on sports clubs.

He said: "Community asset transfer can provide a positive solution. However, there needs to be support – financial or from a skills perspective – from the local authority for any club looking to go through this process."

Governing bodies of sports are aware of the issues and, where they can, are also providing advice and support to their clubs."

He added: "The management of maintenance of sports pitches varies significantly across Wales and even between one town and the next. We know that many grassroots clubs rely on public facilities provided by local authorities."

In Bridgend, the CAT process has been criticised for being complex and lengthy, and is off-putting to clubs who are solely reliant on volunteers to run them.

Many of the buildings up for transfer are in a bad condition with only limited pots of funding available to restore them.

Phil Jones added: "One of my concerns is the older, more traditional and more community-minded members are used to turning up on a Saturday and having both the building, and grass-cutting taken care of by the council. I think the extra responsibility is just too much for them. It will be too much for the committee, and if you haven't got a committee, you haven't got a team."

Speaking about the club's refurbishment, club chairman Jon Davies said: "We built this with the community in mind, a pavilion the whole community could enjoy rather than be exclusively used by one or two groups. We've had expressions of interest from judo and karate clubs, a ballet school and a couple of charities."

"It was a big ask to take it on but since then, so many organisations have come forward to say they want to use it."

In addition to the building project, the centre will soon have its own dedicated car park with a minimum of 25 spaces.

While the project has been driven by the rugby club, a community group has been set up to run the centre, with the intention of including one person from each of the user groups. With 300 members belonging to the rugby club, there are strong links to the community and the skills of some of them have been invaluable to the CAT transfer process, providing legal assistance, construction knowledge and project management.

The project received £110k from BCBC's £1m pot for asset transfers which the club was then able to use to get £15k from the Welsh Rugby Union and further funding from the EU Rural Community Development Fund and Welsh Government's Community Facilities Programme.

The pavilion is due to be completed in the middle of June, with an official opening on July 19, and a community fun day on July 20.

Sport Wales has an online resource to support clubs – Club Solutions – that provides information to help volunteers, including guidance on asset transfer. It also has a £1 million fund for grassroots community facilities now open for applications until the end of June.

Liz Bradfield
Local democracy reporter

Local opticians help bowls club



TWO local opticians have agreed to sponsor Romilly Bowls Club as council budget cuts place the 111-year-old sports club under threat.

Specsavers' optical and audiology teams in Barry and Cardiff will sponsor the club, which has more than 70 members, for the next 12 months.

The club is one of dozens of sport groups in the region being asked to cover the

costs of their sports facilities following budget cuts from the Vale Council. The policy of asking clubs to take more responsibility for their assets such as sports grounds and clubhouses is not confined to the Vale. In neighbouring Bridgend county borough, the local authority is doing the same. (See story on left, concerning Bryncethin RFC.)

Graham Cogbill, chairman at Romilly Bowling Club, said: "Our club has been a

social hub for many of our members for decades and is a great way for older people to get some basic exercise."

He said the club needs to raise more than £15,000 a year to cover the maintenance of the green and other costs. While some of this will be made up from fees, there is still a significant shortfall and the club is reluctant to double or triple members' payments.

"We are so grateful for the support of Specsavers, as

their donations will edge us closer to our target and hopefully ensure we can continue to serve the community we love," Mr Cogbill added.

Jamie Pullen, director of Specsavers in Barry, said: "After hearing about the club's story and meeting the organisers directly, it was clear that we needed to do something. With the support of James Deavall (Specsavers Cardiff), we have been able to do our bit for the cause."

Byron's Devon Double

COWBRIDGE'S Byron Moorcroft brought his total of wins to 28 with a double at the Torrington Farmers Steeplechase at Umberleigh last Saturday – the end of the 2018-19 season.

Moorcroft, 31, who has enjoyed his best ever season, won the men's open on the nine-year-old brown gelding *Ramble On* and the open maiden race on the seven-year-old *Long Mile Road*.

The former, owned by Kevin Salter and trained by Luke Price, was odds-on favourite and came home nine lengths ahead of *Bay To Go*.

Long Mile Road, the 5-4 favourite, beat *Devon Redway* and is owned and trained by Jason Warner.

Ruperra Tom, owned by John Rees and former Welsh champion rider Tim Jones, was a five lengths winner of the intermediate race under the legendary Will Biddick. The 11-year-old bay gelding is trained by Mickey Bowen in Pembrokeshire.

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Out & About with The GEM

Men In Black's globetrotting adventure is great fun...

WHILE a far better effort than the misguided sequel, *Men In Black 3* seemed to put a full stop on the MiB franchise.

There were plans to merge the universe with that of the Jump Street films, a merger that thankfully failed to get off the ground, but it did kickstart plans to reinvent the franchise, starting with *Men In Black: International*.

There's no Will Smith or Tommy Lee Jones this time around though, as we meet Tessa Thompson's Molly. After having an encounter with an alien when she was younger, her memories have remained, and she sets about tracking down the men in black she saw.

When she infiltrates their headquarters, her resourcefulness sees her hired and renamed Agent M, and she finds herself assigned to the London branch where, working alongside the famous and slightly cocky Agent H (Chris Hemsworth) the pair go on a global journey to uncover a mole in the organisation...

It's been seven years since the last *Men In Black* film, one that undid the harm done by the second part but equally didn't exactly leave fans salivating for more adventures.

Men In Black: International, on the surface, feels like a film that is designed to take advantage of a dormant cinematic property and give it a fresh lick of paint while hopefully trousering a generous box office take while they're at it.

But, in actuality, this is a film that, while not hitting the heights of the first film, is fresh and vibrant enough to work as a kick starter to a whole new series of films on its own terms, taking the MiBs on a globetrotting adventure that may play out predictably but has a lot of fun



SCREEN TALK with GARETH JAMIESON

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doing so.

Shorn of Will Smith and Tommy Lee Jones as leads, this is a film that leans heavily on the performances, and chemistry, of Tessa Thompson and Chris Hemsworth, and fortunately the pair excel. Having shared a winning partnership in *Thor: Ragnarok*, here the pair essay their roles with aplomb.

Thompson is the newcomer to the world of the *Men In Black*, keen to impress her new bosses and solve a mystery that, for the audience at least, is painfully obvious to resolve, while Hemsworth is the 007-esque charmer with a self-inflated opinion of himself and his work.

While much of the humour and enjoyment comes from seeing the pair rub each other the wrong way, there's enough in their individual performances to make their turns hugely satisfying, with the pair more than capable of handling the more dramatic moments when they come around, but taking great delight in hitting the funny bone, Thompson often playing the straight man to Hemsworth's comic leanings.

Around them are players who bring what is required - Liam Neeson's head honcho, Rafe Spall's by-the-book agent, Rebecca Ferguson's three-armed alien (and former love interest of Hemsworth's Agent H) and Emma

Thompson (the only returning character from the earlier films) - all more than dependable and filling out the cast well.

Director F Gary Gray is on something of a streak at present following the success of *Straight Outta Compton* and *Fast & Furious 8*, and here he shows he's more than adept at handling blockbuster fare, but never tries to make it too showy or ridiculous.

He's a reliable pair of hands and gives the film an energy that carries it through its running time, and while there's no jaw-dropping action sequence, there's plenty to savour and enjoy in a film that feels low-key for a summer blockbuster.

It's not a perfect film by any stretch - you can't help but feel some of the character work got lost at some point in the process, while the central mystery of the role becomes fairly obvious incredibly early on - but it still makes for a very enjoyable slice of fun, *Men In Black: International* a globetrotting delight.

VERDICT: A film that restores some of the glory to a franchise that seemed dormant, *Men In Black: International* is a solidly entertaining blockbuster, mainly thanks to the wonderful central turns from Tessa Thompson and Chris Hemsworth, as well as an enjoyable supporting cast. F. Gary Gray's direction is dependable and assured, and while the film doesn't reinvent the wheel, it gives the audience a good time. Enjoyable.

SEE THIS IF YOU LIKED: *Men In Black* (1997), *Thor: Ragnarok* (2017)

Local drama society pay a slick tribute to Frank...



THIS year the Llŷn Valley Amateur Dramatic Society presented excerpts from Frank Vickery's plays in *Let's be Frank*.

With excerpts taken from *Family Planning*, *One O'Clock from the House*, *All's Fair*, *After I've Gone* and *A Night Out*, the comedy was slick, funny and well presented.

IMAGE by PHIL DAVIES

What's on, and where in your area?

Support for the blind ARE you registered blind or partially sighted? Maybe you are a carer looking after a loved one or relative?

Cardiff and Vale Royal Institute for the Blind Cardiff and Vale works to help blind and partially sighted people enjoy independent and fulfilling lives. There will be a drop in information session on Tuesday, June 25 at Age Connects Cardiff and Vale Senior Health Shop, 38 Holton Road, Barry from 10am to 12 noon.

Epilepsy support DO you have epilepsy or care for a loved one or relative who has this condition?

Epilepsy Wales run a monthly Outreach Support Group at Age Connects Cardiff and Vale Senior Health Shop in Holton

Road, Barry and the next one is on Thursday, June 27 from 10.30am to 12 noon.

Chat to Lesley Williams from Epilepsy Wales and find out what support and advice is available. No appointment is needed; contact 01446 732385 for further information.

Mayor's coffee morning LLANTWIT Major Town Mayor, Cllr Gant, will be holding a coffee morning on Saturday, June 29 from 10am-12 noon at Llantonian Hall.

Entry is £3 and includes a cup of coffee/tea/soft drink and a cake.

Entertainment will be provided by the Ukulastics and there will be stalls held by the local art and craft group.

There are raffle prizes to be won with all proceeds donated to the Mayor's chosen charities;

Llantwit Major Stroke Support Group, Vale Plus and Woody's Lodge.

RBL drop-in Royal British Legion Cardiff and Vale are holding a drop-in information session on Tuesday, July 2 between 10am-12 noon.

The British Legion helps members of the British Legion, British Army, Royal Air Force, Veterans and their families.

They will have information on independent living, support for carers, supporting veterans in the local community and signposting to other networks is available and no appointment is needed - just come along to Age Connects Cardiff and Vale Senior Health Shop, 38 Holton Road, Barry, or call 01446 732385 for further information or just come along and have a chat.

Benefits advice

ARE you living in Vale and need some advice or help on benefits such as pension credit, attendance allowance, housing benefit or disability living allowance?

Age Connects Cardiff and Vale run a free welfare rights service which can help you with any of these issues.

An adviser from Age Connects Welfare Rights Service will be able to chat on any of these issues and help with form filling.

A session will be held on Tuesday, July 2 between 9.30am-11.30am at Age Connects Senior Health Shop, 38 Holton Road, Barry, no appointment is needed.

Contact 01446 732385 for further information (home visits can be arranged).

Gems from Barry hit the TV screen

BARRY will be in the television spotlight later this week, appearing on a new S4C show.

The island and the surrounding area will be the subject of a full episode of S4C travel series, *Codi Pac*, which looks at hidden gems and places of interest in towns across Wales through the eyes of a tourist.

Host Geraint Hardy will learn the rich history of Barry during Roman, Norman and the industrial ages, by speaking to town resident, Alwyn Evans, in the Knap.

He then ventures towards Cold Knap Beach and onto Porthkerry Park for a stroll through the woods and to see the famous viaduct.

Geraint and the crew also visit the Small Space theatre near Barry High Street.

It describes itself as the world's smallest magic theatre, and Geraint witnesses a magic show, before heading to the Pleasure Beach and the War Museum on Barry Island.

Featuring heavily throughout the episode are Barry's popular restaurants, pubs, hotels and independent high street shops.

The programme also ventures out from the town into the Vale of Glamorgan, near St Athan to visit Gileston where he spends time in a traditional Glamorgan cottage.

Codi Pac will be shown at 8.25pm on Friday, June 21, (tomorrow) on S4C.

The Welsh language show will have English subtitles as an option.

The episode will also be available to watch on demand at S4C Clic and BBC iPlayer.

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Gŵyl Fach y Fro yw'r ŵyl flynyddol a sefydlwyd gan Menter Bro Morgannwg yn 2015 i ddathlu'r iaith Gymraeg a'r diwylliant Gymreig ym Mro Morgannwg. Mae'r ŵyl rhad ac am ddim hwn wedi mynd o nerth i nerth dros y blynyddoedd diwethaf, ac erbyn hyn mae wedi ennill ei lle yng nghalendr digwyddiadau Bro Morgannwg a'r cyffiniau gan ddenu cynulleidfaoedd eang i Ynys y Barri.

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Roedd line-up y Prif Lwyfan eleni'n cynnwys rhai o artistiaid mwyaf blaengar y sin gerddoriaeth Gymraeg – Meic Stevens a'r Band, The Gentle Good, Chroma, Bwncath, Bronwen Lewis a'r Gerddorfa Ukulele Gymreig. Mae rhoi cyfleoedd i artistiaid lleol yn flaenoriaeth hollbwysig, ac fe gafwyd perfformiadau eleni gan Dagrau Tân (band ysgol Sant Baruc), Canfas (crtw

o ddisgyblion Ysgol Gymraeg Bro Morgannwg) a Hana2K (cyn-ddisgybl Ysgol Gymraeg Bro Morgannwg, sydd newydd gael ei dewis i fod yn rhan o gynllun cyffrous 'Gorwelion 2019').

Ychwanegiad newydd at yr ŵyl eleni oedd Glanfa Gwynfor – llwyfan gymunedol a gafodd ei enwi gan ddisgyblion blwyddyn 6 Ysgol Sant Curig, yn deyrnged i'r arwr lleol a chenedlaethol, Gwynfor Evans. Camodd dros 300 o bobl ar lwyfan Glanfa Gwynfor yn ystod y diwrnod, gyda pherfformiadau gan blant a phobl ifanc o Gylchoedd Meithrin, Ysgolion ac Aelwydydd y Fro, yn ogystal â Chriw Canu Penarth, côr newydd i oedolion.

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Gŵyl Fach y Fro at Barry Island

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GŴYL Fach y Fro was held on Barry Island on Saturday, June 15, and the organisers are pleased that the event proved to be successful once again this year.

Gŵyl Fach y Fro is the annual festival established by Menter Bro Morgannwg in 2015 to celebrate the Welsh language and its culture. This free family-friendly festival has earned its place as an important addition to the Vale's events calendar, and attracts audiences from the Vale and beyond.

The festival includes live musical performances, craft stalls selling local Welsh produce, a food & drink area, street entertainers, BWRLWM play area, and a variety of arts and crafts, circus and sport workshops. Gŵyl Fach y Fro started this year with a show by some of S4C Cyw's presenters and characters.

The main stage line-up included some of the biggest names in the Welsh music scene – Meic Stevens and Band, The Gentle Good, Chroma, Bwnacath, Bronwen Lewis and the Welsh Ukulele Orchestra. An important priority for organisers is to ensure that Gŵyl Fach y Fro also offers the opportunity for young local bands and artists to take part.

Audiences enjoyed performances by Dagrau Tân (a band from Ysgol Sant Baruc), Canfas (a group of Ysgol

Gymraeg Bro Morgannwg pupils) and Hana2K (an ex-pupil of Ysgol Gymraeg Bro Morgannwg, who has just been selected to be a part of the exciting 'Horizons 2019' project).

A new addition to this year's event was 'Glanfa Gwynfor' – a community stage which was named by pupils from Ysgol Sant Curig, as a tribute to the local and national hero, Gwynfor Evans.

Over 300 people took to the Glanfa Gwynfor stage throughout the day, with performances by children and young people from the Cylchoedd Meithrin, Schools and Community Groups in the Vale, as well as Crïw Canu Penarth, a new choir for adults.

We'd like to say a big thank you to all our staff, volunteers, partners and performers, and of course to the 6,000 who came to Barry Island to support and enjoy the festivities!

Thanks to our official photographer 'Camera Sioned' for preparing these selection of photos exclusively for The GEM – keep an eye on our Facebook, Twitter and Instagram accounts over the next few weeks to see more!

We are now in the process of evaluating the event. Were you at this year's Gŵyl Fach y Fro? We would really appreciate your feedback and comments. A link to the short online survey can be found on Menter's website: www.menterbromorgannwg.cymru.



Barry Soroptimists' help for Welsh Hearts and cancer stem cell research



Barry and District Soroptimists recently donated a cheque to Welsh Hearts, one of the charities they support.

AT the end of her tenure, president Mary presented her two nominated charities with money raised by Barry and District Soroptimists during her year.

Welsh Hearts provide defibrillators, CPR training and heart screening sessions throughout Wales and were pleased to have a donation of £1,550 from Soroptimists.

Sharon Owen, the director and originator of Welsh Hearts, invited members to their offices in Llandaff to hear more about Sharon's plans for the future of the charity, after which volunteers gave the Soroptimists a CPR training session.

The European Cancer Stem Cell Research Institute in Cardiff University received a donation of £1,600 towards their vital work. Club members visited the centre for a guided tour of the facility, where researchers explained their roles and

demonstrated some of the equipment they use.

Members said that people should be proud to know important work like this was happening in Wales.

Donations have also been made to the Welsh Heritage Schools Initiative, LATCH, Amelia Trust Farm, the Meru Garden Project, Women-Water-Leadership, Lesotho Trust, Malarchi Poonchola Trust, Velindre Cancer Centre, Breast Cancer Care and The Owl Sanctuary.

The coffee morning at Barry Island Beach Huts raised more than £500 for Macmillan.

Besides doing voluntary community work, Soroptimists raise money by holding various functions during the year. Come and join in the events and help to raise money for worthy causes – every penny raised goes to charity.

To find out more, visit www.sigbi.org/barryanddistrict.

Maesteg's listed buildings are put in the spotlight

AN enthralling and fascinating presentation was made by local historian Roy Meredith in Maesteg council chambers recently. His talk went as far back as 1682 when there was the first recorded death of a person employed in mining coal entered in the

parish register, a Mr John Henry.

Mr Meredith's talk covered 18 of the listed buildings in Maesteg and detailed their uses and development up to the present day.

The buildings are under the care of 'Cadw Welsh Historic Monuments'.

Maesteg Town Council Chamber is one such building and the land to build the

chamber was purchased by Maesteg Town Council in 1889 for £2,000.

It was officially opened in November 1915. In January 1916 the chamber was used to listen to the appeals of men against their notice of conscription in the Armed Forces of World War One.

The talk concluded with a quiz on past buildings in the town and a tour by Neil Perry around several of the listed buildings.

Inspired Learners launches 'well-being service'

INSPIRED Learners opened its doors to professionals and parents recently to showcase the upgraded and expanded centre on Holton Road.

The centre originally opened its doors in March 2017 and the open day provided an opportunity for the Inspired Learners team to launch a new well-being service that aims to provide mental health support to learners in the community through therapeutic interventions.

Its summer school will include activities such as Lego, art and transition work to support children before they take their next step to their new school.



Pupils and staff from Oakfield and Jenner Park primary schools enjoyed the Kids Out event.

Kids Out fun with Rotary Club

ON June 12, the Rotary Club of Barry supported Rotary's National 'Kids Out' event and took 30 pupils from Oakfield and Jenner Park Primary Schools to Folly Farm Adventure Park and Zoo.

Pupils enjoyed a fun-filled day, organised by past president, Carl Kerr.

The day out was made possible thanks to the public's continued

generosity in supporting the Rotary Club's fundraising events.

The next event will be the Charity Duck Race and Summer Fete in the Knap Gardens on Saturday, July 20, from 11am to 4pm. Ducks can be sponsored on the day or in advance from Food for Thought Delicatessen, Doctor Bobs Balloons, Giggles Toy Shop in High Street or Romilly's Cafe at The Knap, Barry.

Rotary members will also be with Ditty the Duck on July 6-7 in Asda, Barry, where ducks can also be sponsored.

Students stage end-of-year exhibition

STUDENTS from Cardiff and Vale College (CAVC) are staging their annual end of year art exhibition in Arts Central, Barry.

The show opened on June 13, and runs until Saturday, June 22.

Students from courses ranging from Level 1 to Degree Level all have space set aside for them to display the best of their art.

There was a large turnout of visitors, ranging from students, proud parents, friends as well as staff from the college and representatives from the Royal British Legion at the opening.

Speeches were given by Vale AM Jane Hutt, who remarked on the quality of work on display, and the college's Head of Art and Design, Kristen Harries, who spoke of her pride in the department and how fantastic it was to see the results of the hard work students had put in through the year.

There was also a thank you from Teresa and Roy Goodwin, local representatives from the Royal British Legion who declared that they "had a lovely evening seeing the work and meeting the students who were rightly proud of what they had produced and achieved".

Students had raised £350, which was donated to the Poppy Appeal.

This was from the



Students alongside the work they produced for the 1418NOW project. Left to right is Malachai Denman, Courtney Stone, Sean Ball, Teresa Goodwin and Roy Goodwin.

AM welcomes Glamorgan Smallholders to the Assembly

SOUTH Wales Central AM Andrew RT Davies has praised the work of Glamorgan Smallholders, after welcoming them to the National Assembly for Wales.

The organisation, chaired by Russell Capeling, is a networking group for smallholders in the Vale, and held the event at the Senedd to promote their work.

Several member organisations attended the event, including Garlic Meadow Smallholding at Culverhouse Cross, Wenvoe and Pensarn Barn in Llanmaes.

Garlic Meadow showcased their wool and goats milk soap, while Pensarn Barn brought along their free range eggs.

Mr Davies said:




South Wales Central AM Andrew RT Davies welcomes Glamorgan Smallholders chair Russell Capeling and Natalie Hepburn from Garlic Meadow Smallholders to the Senedd.

Smallholders are a fantastic local organisation, providing help and support to smallholders within the Vale. It was great to catch up with my good friend Russ, whom I have known for many years, as well as several other member organisations. "It was good to see so much local produce on display, and I would like to thank them all for taking the time to come down to the Senedd and share their experiences with AMs."

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AM views progress on water works in Barry

VALE AM Jane Hutt recently made a site visit with Vale Street resident representative and community champion Richard Bravey to view the impact and progress of the Cwm Cidi Estate Nant Talwg Sewer Welsh Water works, laying new pipes from the estate to link up to the drains system in Glamorgan Street.

Ms Hutt walked the site with Richard

Bravey and was disappointed to see the loss of trees and ancient hedgerows which had been drawn to her attention.

She said: "I have made representations on behalf of the residents of the estate regarding the access to the site for this major project and will be monitoring the impact of the works carefully with local residents."

"These essential works need to be undertaken, but it is vital that the trees are replaced, local wildlife is protected and I look forward to seeing those plans."

Youth Project team present pupil awards

CADOXTON Youth Project and Team recently presented certificates and gift cards to pupils who took part in the Easter and sport events held at Victoria

Park in Cadoxton on April 13.

The team awarded Sully, Fairfield and Cadoxton Primary School pupils certificates: Cadoxton: first, Jayden Brian Coakley; first, Harry Banks; second, Noah Parsons; second,

Eva Mae Gee Parsons; third, Holly Said; third, Jasmine Coakley, Taysha Powell, Kyan Powell. Sully pupils: first, Ruby Mullins Jade; Rita Limbrick and Chris Casado; second, Leila Mullins. Fairfield Primary School: first, Ellie Mae Gosling.

When the sport of kings was held at Ely Racecourse...

AFTER providing a colourful chapter in the history of horse racing, 80 years ago this year, Cardiff's Ely Racecourse closed its gates forever.

Horse racing first came to Ely on May 30, 1855 but the sport was not entirely new to the town for the Ely racecourse was in line of descent from the old racecourse at Heath Farm.

In fact, Ely Racecourse was to survive right up until the start of the Second World War, and it was to attract some of the best horses in the country.

For instance, the dual Aintree Grand National winner *The Colonel* (1869/70) ran there, as did *Emblem* (1863) and *Emblematic* (1894). Other Grand National winners to grace the Ely turf were *Cloister*, *Father O'Flynn* and the legendary *Gold Miller*. The famed *Brown Jack*, ridden by Welshman LB Rees, won the Cardiff Club Juvenile Hurdle in 1927, and more than 40,000 racegoers had flocked to Ely to see the Welsh Grand National in 1895.

It was at Ely that Fulke Walwyn, the Queen Mother's trainer, rode his first winner while

other jockeys to ride there were the famed Anthony and Rees brothers from west Wales.

Cowbridge's Fred Williams, father of Evan Williams who won the Aintree Grand National on Royal Mail in 1937, was the official starter at

Ely Racecourse and two riders from the Vale who won the Welsh Grand National were David Thomas, who won on *Miss Balscadden* in 1926, and George Bowden, who won on the same mare in 1928.

In my book *The Welsh Grand National - from Deerstalker to Emperor's Choice* (The History Press), I told how Llantwit Major's Posy Lewis' father Major EC Morel's *Waving Star*, ridden by Alec Marsh, came close to winning the last Welsh Grand National to be run at Ely Racecourse.

It looked as though *Waving Star's* black, red and white colours, taken from the family shipping line which were immensely popular with racegoers, would record a local victory as the mare went half-a-dozen or so lengths clear after jumping the last.

But Jack Fawcus on *Lacatoi* conjured up a late run to win by the shortest of short heads to win the race for a third time - and to this day, no other horse has won the race three times.

Horse racing sadly came to an end at Ely Racecourse on April 27, 1939 after *Grasshopper*, partnered by Keith Piggott, father of the legendary Lester Piggott, won the last race.

Email your racing stories or pictures to brianlee4@virginmedia.com or call 02920 736438.

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Crime operations in Penarth tackle ASB and CSE

COMMUNITY Penarth Athletic Field at the end of last month. A 14-year-old boy has also been charged with an offence under the Assaults on Emergency Workers Act and is due in court later this month.

Officers were also out in Penarth during that weekend as part of Operation Brake to raise awareness of the signs of child sexual exploitation (CSE) within the night time economy.

This operation involves partnership working between South Wales Police's licensing and CSE teams along with the local authority's licensing enforcement teams. Staff at licensed premises, hotels and taxi drivers were spoken to by officers and posters highlighting how to identify the risks of CSE were distributed across the town.

Child sexual exploitation can happen to any child under the age of 18, making them vulnerable within the night time economy.

If you have any concerns about ASB or CSE, then report them to us on 101 or 999 in an emergency.

Chief Inspector for the Vale of Glamorgan, Tony Williams.



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Family Notices

HOLE

Desmond Paul

Desmond left us on Saturday, 15 June 2019 surrounded by his family bursting with love. Paul 'Des' beloved husband of Caroline and a much loved father of Jess, Josh and Willy.

Funeral service will be held at 2pm on Thursday, 27th June 2019 at St Hilary Church (Vale of Glamorgan), a very special place for the family. Any donations, please contribute to a Parkinson's charity of your choice.

NORTH

Joan

(Formerly Field née Westwood)

Passed away on Saturday, 8th June at Ty Enfy's Nursing Home, Pentwyn, Cardiff.

Joan is safe and free from pain.

Resting at the Private Funeral Home of W. James & Sons, Fonmon. A service to celebrate the life of Joan is to be held at Bethel Baptist Church, Llantwit Major on Thursday, 27th June at 2pm.

MAGRIN

Leonard Peter (Lenny)

Peacefully after an illness, Lenny passed away on 31st May 2019 at home. Father to son Lee and daughter Michelle and son Matthew. Loving grandfather, great grandfather and loving brother.

Resting at Park Funeral Directors, Barry until the funeral service at 11am on Thursday, 27th June at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Barry. Family flowers only. Please wear something red.

HULME

Levi

Suddenly at home on the 7th June aged 35 years. Much loved son of the late Beverley, loving son to Mark.

Levi will be sadly missed by all who knew and loved him.

Resting at Robert D Johnson Funeral Directors, 29 Holton Road, Barry, until a service to celebrate Lewis' life on Monday, 1st July at Barry Cemetery Chapel at 11am, followed by Burial at 11:30am. Flowers may be sent to the funeral directors. For all enquiries 01446 733844

CORRIGAN

Julia

Suddenly at home aged 53 years. Much loved daughter of the late Theresa. Cherished mum to Danielle and Ashlee. An adored nan to Faith and Theodore. Loved and missed by her sister Tracy, brother Anthony and all her family and friends.

Resting at A.G. Adams Funeralcare until the service in the Chapel of Rest on Wednesday, 26th June at 10am, thereafter to Cardiff and Glamorgan Crematorium, Barry at 11am.

No flowers please. Donations, if desired, to British Heart Foundation.

PROSSER

Graham Henry Pryce

10/05/1928 – 15/06/2019

Died peacefully at Llandough Hospital. Funeral service to be held on Wednesday, 26th June 2019 at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Barry at 10am. Flowers may be sent to the Green Willow Funerals, 21a Station Road, Dinas Powys CF64 4DE. All enquiries to Green Willow Funerals. Telephone 029 2051 4627.

UPHILL

Ryan

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GERMAN

Jillian Mary

Peacefully at home on 30th May, Jillian, devoted wife to Eddie.

She will be greatly missed by all her extended family and friends.

Funeral service to take place at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Barry on Wednesday, 26th June at 12 noon.

No flowers by request

Further enquiries please telephone Lyndsay Ellis Funeral Director on 01446 407962.

HARRIS

Margaret (Peggy)

Sadly but peacefully at Llandough Hospital on 8th June after a long illness. Much loved mother to Susan, grandmother to Ryan, Danielle and Kylie and great grandmother to Kelsey and Ashton and mother-in-law to Gary.

Peggy will be sorely missed by all who loved and knew her.

Funeral service to be held at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Port Road, Barry on Friday, 28th June at 3pm.

Acknowledgements

PETERS

Theresa Thelma

In loving memory of Thelma who passed away peacefully at home on Tuesday, 18th June 2019, aged 90 years. Thelma will be sadly missed by her devoted husband Tony, sons Michael and Tony junior. Grandchildren Jon, Catherine and Olivia. Resting at the Private Funeral Home of W. James & Sons, Fonmon. Funeral Friday, 28th June, service 11.30am at St Helens Roman Catholic Church, Barry, followed by interment 1pm at Porthkerry Cemetery. The family would like to thank Marie Curie Hospice, district nurses and doctors for the wonderful care they've given Thelma during her illness.

Flowers by immediate family only. Donations if wished for Marie Curie Hospice Centre, Penarth c/o the funeral director.

DODD

Iris Mary (née Leckey)

Sadly on Saturday, 8th June 2019, at home, Iris beloved wife of the late John. Mother, grandmother, great grandmother, sister and friend.

Will be sadly missed by all.

Resting at W.H. Preene & Son, Cadoxton until the service at Cardiff and Glamorgan Crematorium, Barry on Monday, 24th June at 2pm.

No flowers. Donations, in memory of Iris, may be made to WaterAid UK c/o W.H. Preene & Son, 54 Main Street, Cadoxton, CF63 2HN. Tel: 01446 420520.

ULLIOTT

Carol

Chris, Sharon, Sarah and families would like to thank relatives, friends and neighbours for all the kind messages of sympathy, words of comfort and cards of condolence they received following the sad loss of Carol.

Thank you to all that attended the service and for the kind donations received to Cancer Research UK, which amounted to £210.

In Memory

TAYLOR

Richard Clement

Passed away peacefully at home on Saturday, 8th June after a long illness bravely borne. Richard, of Llandeilo and formerly of Trenchdyn Farm, Pontardulais and West Farm, St Athan.

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Friends please meet for service at Coychurch Crematorium, Bridgend, CF35 6AB on Friday, 28th June at 11.30am.

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DYKE

Philip

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KLEE

Karon

22 June

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Family flowers only by request. Donations may be made at the service for the Stroke Association c/o the funeral director or Remembrance Fund – <https://byron-harding.muchloved.com/> (Stroke Association).

CROOKE

Cheryl Margaret (Mags)

Mags passed away suddenly on the 9th June 2019 at home, surrounded by her loving family. Dearly loved and cherished wife of Mike. Adored mum to Emma and Charlie. Much loved sister to Ann and David, and daughter-in-law to Myrna and Edward. Beloved daughter of the late Derrick and Nan Chambers.

Taken from us too soon, Mags will be very sadly missed by all her family and friends.

She will live on forever in our hearts.

Mags is resting at W.A. Brown Funeralcare until her funeral service on Thursday, 27th June at 12.30pm at St Illtyd's Church, Llantwit Major, followed by committal at Coychurch Crematorium at 2.15pm.

Donations if desired, in memory of Mags, may be made to Macmillan Cancer Support.

All enquiries to A.G. Adams Funeralcare, Barry. Telephone 01446 735400.

BLACKIE

Joseph Banks

Joseph sadly passed away aged 87 years after a long illness at Llandough Hospital on Tuesday, 28th May 2019. Beloved husband to the late Joy, much loved father to David, Joey, Jeffrey and stepchildren Alan, Sharon and Lionel. Loved grandfather and great grandfather.

He will be deeply missed by all his family and friends.

Resting at Green Willow Funerals 21a Station Road, Dinas Powys, CF64 4DE until the funeral service to be held at St Helens RC Church, Barry on Thursday, 27th June at 10am, followed by interment at Merthyr Dyfan Cemetery, Cemetery Road, Barry, CF62 8BP at 11.30am.

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Date: 14th June 2019

End of season - but the chess keeps on going!

THE East Glamorgan League season finished last month.

There are however still plenty of opportunities for our members to be involved in competitive chess.

June 1 was the deadline for the annual Alec Wood Trophy.

This is awarded to the East Glamorgan player whose rating has increased the most over 11 months and is open to all players with a recognised rating.

Sadly the winner was not a member of the Barry Chess Club but unusually it was won by an adult player, Kimberly Chong of the Cardiff Chess Club.

Sam Jukes remains the only Barry player to have held this trophy. Roger Jenkins from Pontypridd is the only other adult to have won this trophy.

Three of our players appear in the top 40 with Mike O'Leary in 25th place with his rating increased by 77 points; Mark Cooke appears in 34th place and Ray Denyer in 36th place with increases of 64 and 60 points respectively.

The Barry Club Championships commenced on June 17 with 15 entrants. We also have a Knockout Cup match on June 24.

In the Knockout Cup we received a bye in the previous round and now find ourselves playing the North Cardiff D team; Sam White captains our team.

The Barry Chess Club meets at 7.30pm each Monday at the West End Club, St. Nicholas Road, Barry, CF62 6QY.

The club is open to players of all standards; whether you are interested in playing competitive chess or just the occasional friendly games.

New players are very welcome to just turn up on the night but if you contact one of the club members through the website we can explain what is happening on the night you have in mind, and arrange for someone to greet you on your arrival.

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PJ

Romilly Bowls Club's three wins out of four

ON Saturday, June 16, the Romilly first team travelled to Caerphilly.

Scores - Rink 2: Dave Francis, Roger Jones, Steve Close and skip Brian Foscolo 17-18, the home team picking up two on the last end to win; Rink 3: Kelvin Mills, Terry Bloomfield, Mel Newman and skip Mike Doyle 19-32; Rink 4: Alan Bryan, Dave Noble, Gwyn Ree and skip Graham Cogbill 17-19; Rink 5: Phil Gershenson, Jeff Daly, Gary Eastment and skip Jeff Wright 20-12. Aggregate defeat: 73-81.

That day also saw the first competitive game for the Romilly A side at home under new captain Anthony Jones.

Scores: Rink 1: Don Evans, John Kirkpatrick, Anthony Jones and skip John Kirk 25-10; Rink 2: Eric Fortt, Phil Herbert, Paul Ross and skip Anthony Freeman 12-22; Rink 3: Paul James, Stuart Simpson, Phil Edwards and skip Ray Hewitson 39-4; Rink 4: Dennis Mottram, Brian Parker, Barry Griffiths and skip Alan Bannister 24-11. Aggregate win for

Romilly 100-47.

On Wednesday, June 5, Barry Romilly played Cadoxton in the Munro Cup.

Scores: Rink 1: Paul James, Dave Noble, Jeff Daly and skip Mel Newman 26-12; Rink 2: Des Bannister, John Kirk, Alan Bannister and skip Alan Bryan 23-14; Rink 3: Don Evans, Phil Edwards, Ray Hewitson and skip Tony Freeman 24-9; Rink 4: Stuart Simpson, Eric Fortt, Roger Jones and skip Steve Close 22-11. Aggregate win for Romilly 95-46.

On Saturday, June 8, Barry Romilly firsts entertained Bargoed at home.

Scores: Rink 1: Dave Francis, Roger Jones, Steve Close and skip Brian Foscolo 19-22; Rink 2: Jerry Daly, Paul Swannick, Gary Eastment and skip Jeff Wright 16-19; Rink 3: Kelvin Mills, Terry Bloomfield, Mel Newman and skip Mike Doyle 26-18; Rink 4: Alan Bannister, Dave Noble, Alan Bryan and skip Graham Cogbill 36-11. Aggregate win 97-70.

JK

Wenvoe Castle members turn out in force to enjoy their Captain's Day

AT the height of the golfing season the club captain at Wenvoe Castle is given freedom of the course to arrange a special day for all club members to enjoy some competitive golf and special prizes.

Club captain Lesley Sherrard was rewarded with a huge turnout with members really enjoying a delightful mix of competitive golf but played in great social atmosphere.

Best score of the day went to Dan Williams with 40 stableford points just ahead of Paul McCarthy who was runner-up on countback with 38 points.

Nicola Manning won the ladies prize with 32 points and Keith Stimpson was nearest the pin on the ninth hole. Keiran Bowen displayed some huge hitting and accuracy to score a rare albatross by holing out in two strokes on a par-5, in this case the demanding 13th hole.

Lesley thanked all those who took part in a very enjoyable day on the course in its usual magnificent condition.

The members were all thanked for their generous support given to her nominated charity

Parkinson's UK-Wales on the day and funds will continue to be raised throughout her special year as club captain.

Members were up bright and early for the men's June Medal held the following day and Lloyd Bolt put in a consistent performance to win with a net 70, just ahead of Declan Morgan who also posted a net 70 but lost out on countback. Kevin Knowles was a close third with a net 71.

This was followed by the regular seniors Stableford during mid-week and Charlie Kinsey took first place with a steady 34 points, enough to hold off Jack Shore just one point behind on 33 points.

The men remained busy on the weekend with stableford competitions on both Saturday and Sunday.

On Saturday Darren Jeffries posted three birdies and 10 pars in an immaculate round to win with 40 points. The in-form Kevin Knowles just missed out again scoring a birdie and 10 pars in an excellent 39 points.

On Sunday Wayne Curtis took the spoils with an even higher score of 41 points which included no less than 12 pars, and was just enough



Lesley Sherrard, the club captain.

to hold off John Finlay who missed out by a single point, scoring 39 points.

The ladies section have been equally busy with Sheila Morrow and Dee Lloyd winning the Australian Spoons qualifier and will go through to the regional finals at Swansea Bay in early July and hopefully onwards to the all-Wales final in late September.

The ladies Coronation Foursomes qualifier took place recently with Karen Ball and Delyth Thomas coming out on top with 31 points. Karen and Delyth will travel to regional finals to be held

at Weston Super Mare in mid-July and with the aim of qualifying for the grand final to be held in September and played on the prestigious Eden Course at the home of Golf, St Andrews in Scotland.

They hope to emulate Barbara Beedham and Maria Venn who did so well to make the grand final last year.

Last Saturday the ladies competed for the Millennium Plate which was a fourball better ball format and a high/low handicap partnership.

Sian Smith and Caroline Holland combined well to win with 37 points. Linda Marples and Jo Marriot were runners-up with 34 points and needed to countback for them to be ahead of Sue Dayananda and Chris Robinson, also with 34 points.

The club were absolutely delighted that member Sheila Morrow, a past lady captain and very successful golfer at Wenvoe Castle, was recognised in the Queen's Birthday Honours, being awarded an OBE for her services to hockey.

Well done Sheila and congratulations from all at Wenvoe Castle on this outstanding and well-deserved achievement.

BJ

Linda takes silver medal



JUNE 11 was scheduled for the ladies' captain's competition and presentation evening.

The dire forecast from Derek at the BBC Weather did not promise a rain free day.

However, ladies' captain Jo Kirkpatrick made a decision that with the course open and buggies available, the competition would take place.

Brynhill seemed to have its own little micro-climate without any rain for the day, compared to the rest of the country. However, the winds were ferocious and made playing conditions very tricky.

The Brynhill ladies are made of stern stuff and went out to support Ladies' Captain's Day. The 18 holes over, they came into the clubhouse frozen and desperate for hot drinks.

The Silver Division winner with 32 points was Linda Hewlett (pictured above) with runner up Robbie Lee on 28.

The Bronze Division winner with a magnificent 40 points was Lili Mae O'Carroll and runner up was vice captain Lisa Taylor with 33 points. Nearest the pin on the 9th was Glynis Gould.

The ladies' captain presented the winners with Swarovski bracelets and the runners up with M&S vouchers.

The evening's entertainment followed, featuring Davey Sheppard on guitar singing a medley of songs from the '60s, '70s and '80s. The ladies' captain, vice captain and Glynis formed a girl band and entertained with a comedy song. Jo Kirkpatrick sang a Robbie Williams song with Davey Sheppard. Jo thanked Rachel and the catering, bar and course staff for their help and support during the day and Davey for his entertainment.

JMK

Llantwit bowlers suffer Munro Cup reverse

LEAGUE leaders Llantwit welcomed Penarth recently for their Munro Cup match and were defeated 86-63 - making Penarth the new table toppers.

Steve Booker's rink were Llantwit's only winners in a very close match. At the halfway stage, Llantwit led by five shots.

They increased their lead to nine shots by the 13th end before Penarth replied with eight shots over the next three ends.

Llantwit held on to win by one shot.

Neville Young's rink took until the ninth end before they got on the scoreboard and another five ends before they scored again, with the Penarth skip having an excellent game to deprive Llantwit of a score and give Penarth the majority of ends.

Charles Hiscock's rink led by six shots on the 10th end, then Penarth came into it,

winning the next three ends to take the lead which they held for the remainder of the match to win by five shots.

Graham Merchant's rink were trailing until the seventh end when they drew level.

They trailed again before three good ends by Llantwit gave them the lead by one shot.

Penarth came back, winning three of the final four ends to win by three shots.

On Saturday, Llantwit were supposed to welcome Blaenrhondda for a league fixture.

All the food was prepared and Llantwit were all dressed waiting for the visitors to arrive, but no one turned up.

They were playing a game elsewhere and it was a case of lack of communication.

NY

Barry Central Bowls Club round-up

THE past week has seen much of the bowling affected by the weather.

The ladies section of Barry Central Bowls Club has been unable to play a single match, including the eagerly-awaited mixed pairs competition with the men of the club.

It is hoped that this competition will have been played by the time of going to press.

The men's section has been somewhat luckier, having been able to complete their Munro Cup match away to Sully Sports.

The match ended with the club winning on one rink and drawing on one rink.

Rink scores: T. Kaged 19-17; G. Goldthorpe 17-17; R. Pearce 9-21; J. Selley 8-31.

Sully Sports 84, Barry Central 53.

On reflection, the Barry Central team dropped 34 shots over the last six ends for each rink.

On Saturday, June 15,

the club hosted the team from Ely Racecourse in the Cardiff Municipal League.

With rain an issue the match took place, with the odd scramble for waterproofs.

The visitors, especially on one rink, showed the ability to play a very good game, with the skip playing some fine point saving shots.

After what turned out to be a close match, Central won overall by five shots.

Rink Scores: G. Goldthorpe 14-24; T. Goddard 22-17; D. Goddard 19-20; T. Evans 25-14. Barry Central 80 (10 points), Ely Racecourse 75 (four points).

The team as a whole, in both competitions, must attempt to stop dropping shots - particularly towards the end of matches - which could result in defeats.

BC

Phillips takes the President's Cup

BRYNHILL Golf Club held a singles Stapleford competition last Sunday, when the prestigious President's Cup was the prize on offer.

The best on the day was Peter Phillips with a handicap-busting 40 points, one better than Scott Nelson. Both players will face the wrath of the handicap secretary and can expect to be playing off a couple of strokes less next week.

Next weekend starts with a bit of fun with the Festival Texas Scramble on the Saturday, before it gets serious again on the Sunday when two Medal competitions are held over this wonderful course, the Bob Hope Trophy (nett) for the hackerati while the elites battle it out for the Tennessee Cup (gross).

On Monday the seniors' championship was won by Andrew Down, whose respectable 38 points was sufficient to edge out Tony Hewlett on a back nine countback.

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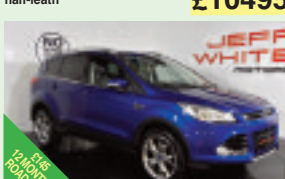
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Close but no cigar against Splott for Cadoxton bowlers

FOLLOWING another week without a fixture on Wednesday, Splott Phoenix were the Saturday visitors to Cadoxton Bowling Club for a CML 5 match.

Howard Craven's rink had a good start which gave them an 8-3 advantage. A '4' to each side kept the 5 shot difference. A single put them on 13 where they remained while four singles were conceded. Another '4' increased the gap, but then a run of singles against gave the visitors a one shot lead with one end left. They remained unbeaten but had to be satisfied with a draw after a single to finish.

Don Kuhnell's rink started the game with a three-quarter length jack and after

losing a two on the first end built up a 9-2 advantage before the opposition were able to add any more to their score. They then increased the jack to full length.

Don struggled on the heavy going at this length and was thankful for the good form of the other three players on his rink to keep the opposition always in arrears.

Kelvin Chedgoy's rink struggled to a deficit of 11-3 by the 12th end. Six shots in the next three ends gave some hope, however only two further singles were managed during the remaining ends, with four against.

Mike Hurley looked to be set for a win on his rink with a 9-0 start, but by the eighth end the scores were level at 9-9. This

moved on to a 11 shot deficit before a late recovery reduced this to just one shot with a single against on the last end stopping a complete revival.

A very close game but just three points scored from the 14 available.

Scores: E Heppenstall, E Davies, W Craven, H Craven 19, J Webber, M Greenwood, H Camfield, G Watts 19; A Prince, M Curtis, P Ellis, K Chedgoy 11, S Carr, R Brown, D Harvey, R Barry 15; D Jenkins, G Goddard, J Davies, M Hurley 22, M Trebilcock, L Davies S Wilcox, D Wilcox 24; J Stacey, S Clarke, I Heppenstall, D Kuhnell 16, R Cole, D Cole, M Hadley, V Griffin 11. Final score: 68-69.

Vale CC firsts extend lead at top of league

VALE Cricket Club firsts continued their winnings ways after securing a comprehensive victory against relegation strugglers Ebbw Vale.

On a day that saw many other matches called off for the rain, Vale managed to get the whole game on – a symbolic representation of our volunteers' hard work and time.

After losing the toss, Vale were put into bat and openers Matthew Thomas (13) and 17-year-old Alex Upham (117) put on 50 runs for the first wicket before Thomas was out in the ninth over, LBW, to the interesting bowling style of Yasir Iqbal.

JJ Davies and Upham continued Vale's onslaught of the bowling attack. Both managed to rotate the strike well, turning good balls into scoring opportunities.

JJ (97) scored at a very good pace but Upham maintained his steady scoring rate and reached his half-century before the halfway point.

Upham then continued to his impressive display, surpassing his season's best of 74 which he ironically scored batting with JJ two weeks ago batting away at Sully.

Both batsmen timed the ball well and with the occasional over going for above 10 runs, the two could bat sensibly knowing that time was on their side given the fact that they had made such an excellent start.

Upham then received a rapturous applause from his teammates as he passed triple figures to secure his maiden century. Helmet off, bat raised, his team stood to applaud this young talented cricketer in the hope that there are many more to come.

After reaching three figures, Upham started to loosen his shoulders and clobbered another 17 runs before being stumped with just a few overs remaining.

Unfortunately JJ was unable to add the extra three runs needed to reach his century but his teammates and spectators enjoyed watching his excellent innings.

Vale finished their innings with a colossal 249-2. With maximum batting points secured Vale enjoyed their tea with many of the lads making their first contribution of the day by pouring tea and serving squash.

After tea, the target was clear - field well, bowl straight and force the opposition to give away their wickets.

Keane and Richards were the opening pair for Ebbw Vale. Both batsmen hit well-timed boundaries

but amongst these good shots were edges and many plays and misses. Ebbw Vale had to start chasing runs from the first over given the fact that they had to score 250 to win.

Darren Upham (1-35) took the first wicket as he bowled Richards for 18 and fellow opening bowler Dean Oram (1-30) had Wallace caught in the slips by Joe Hodges.

The introduction of Matthew Williams, who took four wickets away at Newport last week, saw him continue his excellent form with the ball by taking another four this week.

The first of four was opening batsman (36) who was removed by keeper Harry Withers with a sharp stumping. Withers was also brought into play, taking Williams' fourth with a well-taken catch standing up to the stumps.

The second was caught by Alex Upham and the third was a very smart caught and bowled with Williams jumping to his left, arm outstretched. Williams then finished with figures of 4-12 from his allotted nine overs.

JJ Davies helped Matthew Williams to rattle through the Ebbw Vale batting order taking 3-26 in his overs. The first wicket was caught at mid-off by Snelson, the second was bowled and the third was caught by Darren Upham.

In this comprehensive victory it seems only fitting that Alex Upham should finish the game with his first ball being caught by captain Brendan McCay, who was relieved to see the spinning dolly dropper remain in his clutches.

This week Vale travel to Cardiff to face Lisvane who are fourth in the table. Vale's lead at the top of the South East Wales Division 3 is now up to 16 points and they'll be upping their training and focus in the hope to see that lead increase.

Vale CC would like to thank their corporate sponsors Bridgend Ford and Fine Wines Direct for their continued support and generosity.

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Jack Murphy forced to retire with knee injury

GLAMORGAN batsman Jack Murphy has announced his retirement from professional cricket with immediate effect due to a knee injury.

The 23-year-old has only been able to appear a handful of times for the club this season because of the injury, which he aggravated during a second eleven match against Somerset earlier this season.

Murphy sustained an injury last year that he has not fully recovered from and after two specialist opinions was advised to retire.

He is a product of the Glamorgan Academy and was the Academy Player of the Year in 2013, before he went on to make his First-Class debut for the club in 2017 after a series of impressive performances for the 2nd XI.

He enjoyed a breakthrough season in 2018 when he amassed over 500 runs in the Specsavers County Championship, which included a career-best 80 against Kent at Canterbury.

"It has been a dream come true to play and represent Glamorgan and that has made it an even harder decision to have to call time on my cricket career," said Murphy.

"I will always be proud of my time and achievements with the club, especially the game against Kent last season.

"I owe a huge thank you to the club, coaching staff and the entire back

room team who have supported me throughout my journey with cricket. From my first representative game for Cricket Wales at the age of nine through to earning my cap and playing first-class cricket.

"Although it is going to be a difficult period transitioning out of the game I love, I am excited about what the future holds, the opportunities that await me and turning my dedication to a new profession.

"I would also like to thank the PCA for their support over the past few months in helping me prepare for this decision and my future plans.

"I have made lifelong friends in this sport and I wish Glamorgan all the success in the future and again I sincerely thank everyone who has helped and supported me."

Director of cricket, Mark Wallace, said: "I would like to wish Jack the very best from everyone at Glamorgan, and thank him for his services to the club both on and off the field.

"Jack is a very popular member of the dressing room and the club in general and it's very sad for Jack and his family that he has had to cut such a promising career short due to the injury.

"We wish Jack all the very best for the future and look forward to seeing him around the club."

Ray and Joe are winners at stormy St Mary's GC

ST Mary's senior section played their annual Stableford Pairs competition (both scores counting) with a handsome trophy to be claimed by the winning pair.

With a forecast for heavy rain through the morning, just 20 players turned up on the day.

Happily, however, the forecasters got it wrong and, save for an occasional squally shower, the promised persistent rain held off.

Strong overnight winds had, however, blown down five trees, and the 10 pairings had to contend not only with the remaining very blustery conditions but also with

fairways liberally littered with broken branches and other debris.

The overall scoring was understandably modest but two pairings broke away from the rest of the field. Section captain, Dave Hughes, with partner Roger Hatton, secured second place with a score of 69 points, just three less than the par of 72.

Claiming the trophy, however, with an excellent combined score of 76 points were Ray Stacey and partner Joe Davis.

Doug Mein and new member, Frank Bradshaw, both bagged a two on the par three 10th.

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Old Hall Bridge Club results

THE results for Old Hall Bridge Club on Wednesday, June 12, were:

First; Glenda Roberts and Liam Sheridan 61.67 per cent, second Barbara Exton and Eleanor Jones 58.75 per cent.

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Centurions 1sts are well beaten by Lisvane 2nds

SULLY Centurions' 2nd XI match at Cefn Fforest and Maescywmmer was rained off.

However, the worst of the weather missed Sully, allowing the 1st XI to play host to Lisvane 2nd XI.

Unfortunately, they were beaten by the visitors in a match that saw Centurions experience a middle order batting collapse that effectively left the tail with an uphill struggle.

Chasing 194 to win, Centurions slumped to 134 all out.

Only skipper Rhett Jones (39) and number 9 batsman Kieron Ferriday (28) made any significant contribution.

Sully Centurions 134 all out. Lisvane 193-6.

This Saturday the 1st XI travel to Hopkinstown, while the 2nd XI entertain Crumlin 2nd XI at Burnham Avenue.

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Barrivale Bridge Club latest results

THE results for the Barrivale Bridge Club on Tuesday, June 11 are as follows:

1. Kay Dyer & Sean MacDougall 61.46 per cent; 2. Peter Millar & Mark Roderick 58.33 per cent; 3. Mike Close & Mick Green 57.81 per cent. The handicap winners were Kay and Sean.

As always, new members at the club are always welcomed and a partner may be arranged, if required.

If you would like to join us, telephone 01446 735592 or call at the Pioneer Hall, Beryl Road, Barry at 7pm on Tuesday evening.

Also, players inexperienced or new to bridge continue to play on Friday mornings at 10am (doors open 9.45am) at the Pioneer Hall for lessons and assisted play, and Thursday afternoons for assisted play from 1.30pm-4pm at the Barry Uniting Church, Heol y Llongau, Barry, CF63 4AP.

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Bridge results

RESULTS for the Vale of Glamorgan Bridge Club for June 17:

First, Tony Ratcliffe and John Salisbury 70 per cent; second, Mike Best and David Birt 59.58 per cent; 3rd Geoff Tinkler and John Henson 58.75 per cent.

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Bridgend Bridge Club latest results

THE latest results for Bridgend Bridge Club are as follows:

On Wednesday, June 12:
Equal first, Mike Best and David Birt, Glyn Williams and Irene Wickham, and Steve Burgoyne and Linda Pinnock. The winners on handicap were Glyn Williams and Irene Wickham.

On Thursday, June 13:
First, Vida Halford and Glyn Williams; second, Frances Heslin and Dee Finch; third, Dilys Bowser and V. Irene Thomas.

The winners on handicap were Frances Heslin and Dee Finch.

On Friday, June 14:
First, Linda Pinnock and Bill

Turner; second, Vida Halford and Glyn Williams; third, Irene Thomas and Marjorie Morris.

The winners on handicap were Linda Pinnock and Bill Turner.

Regular club nights take place at 7pm on Wednesday and Friday evenings at Noltan Church Hall.

On Thursday afternoons at 2pm, again at Noltan Church Hall, there is a gentle bridge session when help is available with the bidding.

All sessions are played in a friendly manner, visitors and new members are always welcome.

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Ireland first, then Norway for Barry Town United

A TRIP to Norway could await Barry Town United, should the Jenner Park side be able to defeat opponents Cliftonville over two legs in the 2019-20 UEFA Europa League preliminary round.

Tuesday's draw for the first qualifying round at UEFA HQ in Switzerland paired the winners of the upcoming Barry/Cliftonville tie with FK Haugesund, who finished fourth in the Norwegian Eliteserien.

Should Barry be able to successfully negotiate the impending Preliminary Round, they will welcome Haugesund to Wales on Thursday, July 11, with the reverse in southern Norway, seven days later.

Barry will head to Northern Ireland this weekend for a UEFA Europa League dress rehearsal of sorts, with Gavin Chesterfield's squad squaring up against Ballymena United in a 1pm kick-off on Saturday.

As fate would have it, Barry's upcoming preliminary round opponents Cliftonville will be heading in the opposite direction, with the Northern Irish play-off winners poised to play against the JD Welsh Premier League, JD Welsh Cup and IRN-BRU Cup runners-up Connah's Quay Nomads in Broughton.

After the visit to Ballymena, all roads will lead to Leckwith Stadium, Barry's reluctant home for the Europa League opener, after Jenner Park's 3G

pitch was deemed to have failed its FIFA Pro testing.

Tickets for the first leg on Thursday, June 27 (a6.30pm kick-off) are now available from the club and the Football Association of Wales at £10 (adults), £7 (OAPs) and £5 (children); supporters can also buy online now via www.eticketing.co.uk/fawtickets-english.

It is understood the Welsh leg will be a ticket-only affair, while the club is awaiting confirmation on arrangements for the return in Belfast, with Cliftonville previously accepting payment on the gate.

Barry continued their run of UEFA Europa League tune-ups on Saturday, as almost 250 spectators in pursuit of a football fix watched a 1-1 draw with the Panjab

FA's representative team at Jenner Park.

Meanwhile, the club have announced the signing of winger Jack Compton. One of a host of local lads to join the Barry Town squad, 30-year old Compton played youth football at Portsmouth, before signing with the likes of West Bromwich Albion, Brighton and Hove Albion and eventually Falkirk, where he made his debut as a substitute in a 1-1 draw with Celtic at Celtic Park.

Later returning to Fratton Park, Compton also played alongside Barry's European hero Mike Flynn at Bradford City, with both coincidentally scoring in the same match with Leeds United at Elland Road.

In other news, former Town goalkeeper Lee Kendall, who was part of

the club's last adventure in the then-UEFA Cup in the summer of 2000, has reprised his old role as the club's head of goalkeeping, following a short spell as first team boss at Pontypridd Town, who he steered away from relegation.

Finally, the club was sad to learn of the passing of former player Joe Blackie, uncle of 1980s mainstay Jimmy, who turned out for the Linnetts in the Southern and Welsh Leagues between 1948 and 1957.

Scoring on his debut against Troedyrhiw in October 1948, Blackie would form part of the 1952 South Wales and Monmouthshire Cup-winning team who defeated Merthyr 2-1 in the final at Jenner Park.

AC

Barry Athletic drama in Carruthers Shield

AFTER defeating Trelewis and Treharris Bowls Club away in the same round last year, Barry Athletic were expecting a comfortable match this time, at home in the first round of the Carruthers Shield - but this was not what happened.

It was a slow start by both sides across all four rinks, with the scores just in Barry's favour, but then the visitors seem to adapt well to the excellent bowling surface and opened a lead of 17 shots by the halfway mark.

The rink of Carl Best dropped eight shots without reply, and struggled to make any progress to be 10 shots down with just six ends remaining.

At the same time a dropped five shots on the 10th end by captain David Wright led him to be also trailing by eight shots.

On the end rink, Rob Horgan's quartet recovered from a six shot deficit after 10 ends to narrow to just two shots by the 15th end.

The match was still in the visitor's favour and trailing by 19 shots after 14 ends, it looked like the Athletic were going to be the shock losers of the day.

It would require a massive turnaround of form by all four Barry rinks to avoid a home defeat.

Captain Wright managed to get his rink to within three shots, but a dropped three on the last put the pressure back on the other three rinks.

On rink 3 Glyn Thomas finally kicked his rink into action.

It had been an evenly-matched contest up to the 10th end, but with Barry winning nine of the 11 remaining ends, picking up a 15 shot gain, the home side were now within touching point of Trelewis.

Rob Horgan's rink 5 also battled back to lose by just one shot.

In Carruthers matches teams need to finish strongly, and Barry picked up an impressive eight shots on the 20th end.

With just the Carl Best rink to finish their match, Barry had somehow escaped from the jaws of defeat to actually lead by three shots.

The question was - could the final rink hold their nerve and avoid dropping three shots?

But again things didn't go to plan and with just one bowl remaining the visiting skip had the opportunity to add to the two shots they held to win the tie.

Fortunately the bowl was slightly wayward and the Athletic had won by the narrowest margin of one shot.

Final score: Barry Athletic 80, Trelewis & Treharris 79.

After the match Barry captain David Wright praised both teams for their performances, and he said they looked forward to competing against Welsh Bowls legend John Price and his Aberavon team in the next round on July 6.

TM

Things can only get better for Millwood Bowling Club

THIS week's Munro cup fixture saw Millwood travel to Penarth to play Windsor Penarth on an overcast evening with the threat of rain.

Both teams started with fingers crossed and, apart from a short shower, the evening stayed dry.

On rink 1, Peter Taylor, Alan Annis, Dave Woodfin and Tony Cole started well and after seven ends were level. It was still level after 10 ends, but eight shots over the next four ends saw the home rink finally close out the match by 17-11.

On rink 2, Haydn Spencer, Dave Bourne, Alan Bickley and Bryn Webb got off to a steady start and led 4-3 after seven ends. With the aid of a run of nine shots over the next five ends, they led 14-3 after 12,

and finally completed a 17-6 victory.

Meanwhile on rink 3, Steve Sewell, Nigel Tutton, Stan Hopkins and Rob Browne were all square after six at six-all, but with seven shots dropped over the next four ends, the home rink won comfortably 23-11.

On rink 4, Brian Howcroft, Gary Smith, Dave Lewis and Keith Davies got off to a slow start and trailed 6-4 after five ends. Although Millwood tried hard, they finally went down 17-11, with overall victory going to the home team 63-53, taking 12 of the 14 points.

Saturday saw Millwood host Cyfartha Castle in a Division 3 league match. After a slow start on rink 3, Steve Sewell, Mickey Luca, Keith Thomas and Geoff Stone were level after eight ends at seven-all and by the 12th end they were leading 12-10 but

12 shots dropped on the next four ends gave the visitors a lead they held to complete a comfortable win 26-15.

On rink 4, Keith Davies, Nigel Tutton, Rob Browne and Haydn Spencer trailed by a couple of shots throughout the game. Then, 10 shots dropped over ends 15 to 18 put the visitors ahead to win 27-11.

Meanwhile on rink 5, Peter Taylor, Alan Annis, Dave Woodfin and Maurice Jodrell got off to a flying start and led 10-1 after five ends - a position from which they ran out worthy winners 21-11.

Elsewhere on rink 6 Brian Crockford, Dave Bourne, Tony Cole and John Slee lost 33-11.

The final result was a win for the visitors 98-58, taking 12 points to Millwoods 2. A disappointing result but things can only get better over a long season.

BH

Sully Bowls Club news

SULLY Bowls Club entertained a weakened Belle Vue side, so a 12-2 win with 84 shots to 47 was a fair result on the day.

Scores: D Lougher, D Curtin, B Curtis, D Edwards 28-4; D Hodges, J Hubbard, K Mahoney, M Hardy 23-11; A Kelly, E Pryer, R Fitzjohn, P Neale 10-17; B Danscombe, R Neathercote, H Thomas, H Levick Jones 23-15.

As Sully continue to play novice bowlers in their midweek team this was a very good result.

Saturday brought a stumble to the recent form of the Villagers as we played at home in the league against Senghenydd.

Across the green after seven and 14 ends Sully were in front but fatigue seemed to set in to some of the team, and one player even got hurt, enough to struggle to finish the game.

The last four ends saw the home side go from six up to 10 down and winning

on only one rink, so 2-12 on points and 74-84 was not what was needed.

Scores: D Lougher, B Danscombe, J Best, T Murphy 20-18; G John, R Fitzjohn, A Thomas, D Curtis 19-24; A Smith, E Pryer, M Hardy, B Griffiths 16-18; B Curtis, A Rees, D Hotchkiss, D Edwards 19-24.

In Sunday's horrible weather the Villagers were at home in the two-rink Alan Martin Cup against Rhosce.

The green held up well to the rain and although a short break was taken during the worst of it, play went on to a conclusion.

From six ends Sully were up and so it stayed to the close with both rinks winning.

Scores: D Edwards, K Mahoney, M Hardy, A Thomas 26-14; A Rees, D Hotchkiss, J Best, T Murphy 32-16.

This week the Villagers are home against Anysangharid in the league on Saturday, starting 2.30pm.

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More success for Penarth Windsor men

IT'S not very often that Windsor men manage to win their Alliance, Munro Cup and PG2 matches in the same week but this week they did!

For the Alliance team, it was sweet revenge against their friends from Rectory Road, having lost to them in the previous weeks' Munro Cup game. A win was achieved by 10 shots.

Scores: Armstrong, Ellis, King and D.Lewis 16-11; Mathias, Brenton, Rogers and Williams 19-10; A.Davies, Peregrine, L.Davies and Howells 14-21; Dacey, Johnson, Morris and

Latham 14-11.

The Munro Cup team achieved a comfortable win at home to Millwood by 14 shots.

Scores: Follon, Johnson, Williams and Carlisle 17-11; Matthews, A. Davies, C. Lewis and Rees 6-17; Ellard, Peregrine, Hales and Latham 25-11; Evans, Ellis, Morrish and Cucciniello 19-14.

Having been at the wrong end of a double last season, the PG2 team travelled to Rhiwbina and, despite the absence of two of their regular skips, pulled off a superb victory by five shots.

Leading the charge were Armstrong, Rogers and Carlisle by 26 shots to 12.

role in the match), Morrish and Howells 17-13; Peregrine, A. Davies, A. Woodcock, and Cucciniello 22-17; Ellis, Morris, Hales and Latham 16-16; White, Huntley, L. Davies and Coleman 16-20.

The only disappointment in the week was for the PG1 team away in the Carruthers match at Loughor. On a day which, for several reasons, was not enjoyed by the team, they suffered a loss by nine shots. There were rink defeats for skips McLeod, Hudson and Stevens together with a superb rink victory for Follon, Williams, Rees and Carlisle by 26 shots to 12.

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